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Deputy David Stanton,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

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“To ask the Minister for Health the plans his Department has to replace a facility (details supplied); the timescales for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details Supplied- The Owenacurra Centre, Midleton, Co. Cork.

Dear Deputy Stanton,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare Mental Health Services are developing a new 10-bed rehabilitative residential unit in Midleton town, on the site of the current Owenacurra facility. The delay in commencing the new build was primarily caused by the fact that the facility had to be redesigned due to the major flooding event which occurred in Midleton in October 2023.

The HSE is working through the updated design process so as to deliver the 10-bed, purpose-built facility. These works include the complete demolition and reconstruction of the new facility to include flood protection elements such as raised floor levels.

This unit will be put in place to meet the local needs of the community and that this will complement the work of the local community multi-disciplinary mental health team.

Planning permission has been granted subject to a number of conditions which Cork Mental Health Services is responding to. The specific timeline will be determined once contractors are engaged and we will inform you of that detail once known.

We expect to appoint a contractor by the end of this year, and at that point a more detailed timeline will be determined

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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