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8th April 2025

Deputy Michael Cahill
Dáil Eireann, Leinster House,
Kildare St, Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Cahill,

Ref PQ 16718/25 :

To ask the Minister for Health for a detailed progress report in regard to the granting of the initial capital funding approval for a new 108-bed block that will help address the chronic situation in the emergency department at University Hospital Kerry; for a specific timeframe for this major development for the people of Kerry; when will works commence; the projected completion date; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
-Michael Cahill

As you will be aware, with any public sector capital project there are a number of stages to be fulfilled for any new development to proceed. With specific regard to the above, an initial capital funding approval for the 108 bed block at University Hospital Kerry, has been granted in the order of 1.00m funding allocation from the HSE 2025 Capital Programme. This funding now paves the way for preparation of a Strategic Assessment Review (SAR).

In the mean-time, work progresses on additional new nine inpatient beds to the reconfigured admin block at UHK which will be operational this year. Further, additional new inpatient beds are in planning for the former laboratory area plus extension.

I trust this response is to your satisfaction; should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Fitzgerald
General Manager
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