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Deputy John Paul O'Shea, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann
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PQ ref 17013/25

"To ask the Minister for Health the status of the refurbishment and extension of Macroom Community Hospital, Macroom, County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy O'Shea,

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

Macroom Community Hospital had to undergo significant extension and refurbishment works in order to comply with HIQA regulations and facilitate a move away from the 'open ward' model to more private rooms. These essential works were necessary to provide an enhanced facility for the local community. The new hospital extension in Macroom was completed in 2022 and refurbishment works were then undertaken on the existing hospital.

These refurbishment works are completed and the application to vary had been submitted to HIQA but further works to comply with regulations were required. These works are currently underway and almost complete. Following completion of compliance works, the application to vary will be resubmitted and once successful registration has been attained, we will then progress with relocating residents who had moved to the new extension back to the original building. The timeframe for same is dependent on the outcome of the registration process.

We will continue to engage with our residents, their families and our staff in relation to timeframes and works at Macroom Community Hospital.

I trust this clarifies the position and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Daly
Head of Service for Older Persons