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Deputy John Paul O'Shea, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann
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PQ ref 17014/25

"To ask the Minister for Health the status the refurbishment and extension of Kanturk Community Hospital, Kanturk, 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.

Kanturk Community Hospital is a designated centre located on the outskirts of Kanturk town, providing 24-hours nursing care to both male and female residents whose dependencies range from low to maximum care needs.

Following completion of a new extension at the hospital, refurbishment works on the original building were undertaken to address regulatory requirements under SI 293. The redevelopment of the site will provide high quality facilities for existing and additional residents, with improved services and facilities and increased and varied social spaces, both internally and externally. These refurbishment works are now substantially completed and preparation of the Application to Vary for submission to HIQA is currently underway. Once submitted to HIQA, we will then await inspection by the regulator.

Workforce planning and engagement with staff is progressing across all disciplines to ensure the required complement and skill mix of staff will be in place to facilitate the operational schedule. Provision of additional capacity at Kanturk Community Hospital will be subject to adequate staffing levels being in place to ensure the safety of our residents and staff, as the number and skill-mix of staff has to be appropriate to meet the needs of the patients and residents.

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