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Deputy John Paul O'Shea, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann
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PQ ref 17015/25

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

As previously advised, the application to register the extension at Millstreet Community Hospital was submitted to HIQA on Friday 31st January 2025. HIQA reverted to us with queries following submission of same and updated documentation was submitted to HIQA on 27th February 2025 for review.

HIQA attended Millstreet Community Hospital on 10th March to carry out an inspection of the new building as per the HSE's application. Further information was subsequently requested by the Regulator which was submitted to HIQA on the 25th March. Engagement with the Regulator has been ongoing since then to close out remaining matters and while registration is fundamentally complete, further minor components have been ordered and will need to be installed to comply fully with fire safety regulations before the building can be occupied. Installation will take place as quickly as possible but is dependent on manufacturing lead times. Following installation, updated fire training for staff and submission of revised plans to the Regulator, the building will then be ready to be occupied. The anticipated time frame for opening of the new extension is expected during May 2025. Staff, residents and their families will be kept updated in this regard.

Once the new extension has opened, the next phase will commence which is the refurbishment of the old 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