



Mr Michael Cahill, TD,  
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**PQ 19611/25\* To ask the Minister for Health when the 108 bed extension planned for University Hospital Kerry will open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. - Michael Cahill**

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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.

A full Design Team has been appointed for the proposed new Ward block at University Hospital Kerry and the Stage 1 preliminary design has commenced on this project.

It is the intention of the HSE to lodge an application for Planning Permission to Kerry County Council in Q2 2026. Given that the overall projected programme is subject to external factors such as statutory approvals, it's premature to develop a project programme for construction commencement, this will be reviewed further upon progression through detailed design. Subject to approval, obtaining statutory approvals and the availability of Capital funding, it is anticipated that construction could commence in 2027.

Yours sincerely

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