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PQ 21347/25* To ask the Minister for Health when the project for a new critical care unit at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown will move to the next stage of works. - Roderic O'Gorman

Dear Deputy O'Gorman,

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.

For the purposes of this response we presume the Critical Care Unit project referenced is the Intensive Care Unit project which is being delivered at Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown as part of a larger scheme including a 2nd CT scanner also.

In 2020 the Minister announced the Critical Care Strategy as per link below:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/minister-for-health-announces-plan-to-expand-critical-care-capacity-to-446-beds/#:~:text=A%20strategic%20multi%2Dyear%20plan%20for%20additional%20critical%20care%20capacity,of%20the%20pre%2Dpandemic%20recommendation>

In this strategy, funding was received to upgrade existing critical care capacity. The HSE Capital Plan 2025 includes a project, the scope of which includes the provision of a 2nd CT scanner on the ground floor, and the provision of 5 intensive care beds on the 2nd floor to replace existing beds at Connolly Hospital. A Design Team is appointed and the project is progressing through the detailed design phase. It is the ambition of the HSE to be in a position to tender this project by the end of this year.

Yours sincerely

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