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Deputy Pat Buckley, T.D.,  
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**PQ ref 35960/25:**

**“To ask the Minister for Health when the new wing of Midleton Community Hospital will be officially open; the date for completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter”.**

**PQ ref 35961/25:**

**“To ask the Minister for Health if the old Midleton Community Hospital will be used for any specific alternative community services once the new hospital in Midleton is completed and open; and if she will make a statement on the matter”.**

**PQ ref 35962/25:**

**“To ask the Minister for Health if it is possible to give the kitchen area in the old Midleton Community Hospital to the local meals and wheels in Midleton (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter”.**  
**Details Supplied: which is totally run by volunteers and their kitchen has reached full capacity and needs to expand to address the waiting list in Midleton and the surrounding areas**

Dear Deputy Buckley,

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

Seven Community Nursing Units (CNUs) are included in a national single bundle of CNU's to be developed by Public Private Partnership (PPP) and three of these are located in the HSE South West region, including a new 50 bed CNU for Midleton. The new Midleton facility will provide state-of-the-art facilities, increased amenities for residents, enhanced visitor facilities, further accommodation and office space for hospital staff and will assist in addressing the increased demand for nursing home beds in Cork.

With regard to **PQ ref 35960/25**, the delivery of capital projects is a dynamic process and is subject to the successful completion of the various approval stages, in line with the Public Spending Code, which can impact on the timeline for delivery. Following contract completion, handover and commissioning of the new build, the new building must be registered with HIQA as per the legislation set out in Schedule 1 of the Health Act 2007 (Registration of Designated Centres for Older People) Regulations 2015, as amended.

Based on the information currently available to us, handover of the completed building is anticipated to take place during Q3/Q4 2025. The registration process can commence thereafter and once the unit is registered, the HSE can admit residents. Workforce planning is progressing across all staff disciplines to ensure the required complement and skill mix of staff will be in place to facilitate the operational schedule.

In relation to **PQ refs 35961/25 and 35962/25**, a decision has not been made on the future use of the current Midleton Community Hospital site but HSE South West is committed to maintaining and enhancing the provision of health

services for the East Cork region. The space requirements and needs of the services in the area are currently being reviewed by HSE Estates in conjunction with service management and Public Health. We await the outcome of this review and it will inform any decision on the future use of the Midleton Community Hospital site.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Jackie Daly  
Head of Service for Older Persons