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Deputy Liam Quaide
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“To ask the Minister for Health the precise date building works are due to commence on the replacement facility for the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton.

Dear Deputy Quaide,

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.

Mental Health Services are progressing with the development of a new 10-bed rehabilitative residential unit in Midleton town, located on the site of the current Owenacurra facility. This purpose-built facility is designed to meet the needs of the local community and will complement the work of the local community multi-disciplinary mental health team.

The commencement of the new build was delayed due to several factors. The primary cause of delay was the necessity for a full redesign following the major flooding event in Midleton in October 2023. The HSE is currently advancing the updated design process to ensure that the new facility is constructed with enhanced flood protection measures. These include raised floor levels, ramp access, and other flood resilience elements.

Additional site investigations revealed poor ground conditions, necessitating a significant redesign of the foundation structure. To address these challenges, the project has integrated ‘Modern Methods of Construction’ aimed at reducing both the construction and operational carbon footprint of the facility.

Furthermore, progress was hindered due to discrepancies in the legal folio boundaries.

However, preparatory works have started on site, and the demolition contractor is due to commence on site today, 5th August.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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