

**Oifig and Stiúrthóir Náisiúnta Caipiteal agus Eastáit** Ospidéal Sir Patrick Dun, Sráid Na Canálach Móire Íocht. Baile Átha Cliath 2 D02 P667

Mr Peter Cleere, TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street Dublin 2

24th June 2025

## PQ 30205/25\*To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the Freshford health centre; the start date for the approved extension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Peter 'Chap' Cleere

Dear Deputy Cleere,

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.

The HSE have appointed a Design Team for the extension to Freshford Health Centre, Co. Kilkenny. These works will include an internal reconfiguration of the existing health centre, including minor upgrade works and a proposed new extension with new clinical rooms for practice nurses and GPs, an expansion of the carpark and entrance realignment.

A planning application was submitted and a Request for Further Information (RFI'S) from Kilkenny Council has been received. The Design Team are currently working through these requests for further information in order to submit this information by Q3 2025.

Subject to statutory approvals, the availability of funding and prioritisation, it is the intention of the HSE to be in a position to commence construction on Freshford Health Centre in Q1 2026.

Yours sincerely

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