

Mr Liam Quaide, TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street Dublin 2

3rd July 2025

PQ 33389/25* To ask the Minister for Health for a projected start date to construction works on a replacement facility for the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton. - Liam Quaide

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.

The HSE is progressing with the development of a new 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 project is currently progressing in two aspects. The main project is currently at design stage which is being updated to take account of learnings following recent flood events in Middleton. The updated design includes raised floor levels, ramp access, and other flood resilience elements.

In parallel with design of the main works our intention is to progress with an enabling works contract in advance of the main works contract. The enabling works element of the project has been tendered and the tender returns are being reviewed, following completion of the which approval to award a contract will be sought. It is currently anticipated that the enabling works construction will commence on-site in July 2025.

Yours sincerely

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