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Darren O'Rourke
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PQ ref 33557/25 - *To ask the Minister for Health the measures she is taking to increase in-patient bed capacity in Louth Meath mental health services in view of the fact that the area has the lowest number of beds per head of population; and if she will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy O'Rourke

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

Planning permission has been granted at Drogheda Department of Psychiatry for a two-storey extension, which will include ten additional beds and ancillary works. The expected start date of the building and ancillary works will be no later than quarter 2 of 2026, with an estimated timeframe of two years for completion.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Martina Lennon,
General Manager, Mental Health Services, Louth Meath