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Leinster House,
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PQ 34157/25* To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the business case presented to her for an integrated services hub for Cork provided by Cork City Council, HSE and Mercy Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. - Eoghan Kenny

Dear Deputy Kenny,

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.

An Integrated Homeless Services Hub in Cork City is an initiative aimed at addressing the pressing issue of homelessness in Cork. This facility, the first of its kind in Ireland as a joint statutory initiative, it is designed to align with international best practices, offering a comprehensive range of services tailored to meet the unique needs of homeless families and individuals and those at risk of homelessness. The provision of this service shall reduce the need for emergency department presentations.

Following on from the Business Case for the Integrated Hub in Cork, regional Capital & Estates have prepared and submitted a Capital Submission for consideration for HSE funding.

Any proposed project will be required to progress through the Department of Health's Strategic Health Investment Framework (SHIF) (link below).

<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/publications/strategic-healthcare-investment-framework/>

The services have completed the SHIF Alignment for this hub and the project was confirmed as SHIF aligned at the recent HSE Capital Planning Expert Group (CPEG) meeting.

All projects to progress any given year is determined by prioritization and the availability of funding.

Yours sincerely

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