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PQ 10503/25* To ask the Minister for Health when a proposed new health care facility (details supplied: the proposed new Enhanced Community Care Hub at Cavan General Hospital.) will proceed to the next stage; the level of accommodation and range of services to be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Brendan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

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 response.

The HSE continues to collaborate with the Design Team to finalise the detailed design elements of the Enhanced Community Care facility at Cavan General Hospital. Planning permission for this facility has been granted. It is anticipated that this project will go out to tender in 2025, subject to obtaining statutory approvals.

The new Enhanced Community Care facility will include 25 clinical rooms, an education room, a large gymnasium and staff facilities. This new building will house the Integrated Care Programme for Older People (ICPOP) Community Specialist Teams. These ICPOP Community Specialist Teams provide a "one-stop-shop" for older people with complex needs, coordinated through GP, primary care, or public health nurse referrals. This approach helps deliver more effective and timely care, improving overall health outcomes.

Additionally, the Enhanced Community Care building will accommodate community specialist teams for chronic diseases, including cardiology, diabetes, and respiratory care. These teams will focus on managing chronic conditions for people aged 16 and over. The aim is to reduce hospital stays by empowering patients to manage their conditions better.

These teams offer services such as:

- Early detection and intervention
- Diagnostics
- Specialist support in the community
- Cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation

It is currently anticipated that the building will also house the "Doc on Call" service for Cavan, an out-of-hours GP service that plays an essential role in providing quick access to medical assessments, preventing unnecessary hospital admissions.

Yours sincerely

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