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PQ 10819/25* To ask the Minister for Health the progress the proposed 60-bed community nursing unit in Cashel has made; the particular steps the HSE are preparing to take in relation to obtaining planning permission; and if a proposed variation/material amendment to the current local area plan in Cashel will be submitted to Tipperary County Council to ensure appropriate zoning of a site (details supplied: the Palmers Hill site) in a timely manner. - Michael Murphy

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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 project for the provision of a 60 bed Community Nursing Unit in Cashel is at the site selection stage. The HSE owned site at Palmers Hill, currently does not have appropriate zoning designation for a Community Nursing Unit and a variation/material amendment to the existing Local Area Plan would be required. The HSE had intended to input into an updated Cashel Town Development Plan in relation the site zoning. The HSE understands that the updated Cashel Town Development Plant will not now progress pending updated legislation. The HSE continues to engage with the Local Authority in this regard.

In the meantime, the HSE is carrying out a site option appraisal which will consider any suitable site in the Cashel area. This process is ongoing and the HSE remains committed to providing a new Community Nursing Unit for Cashel.

Yours sincerely

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