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RE: PQ ref PQ 22361/25

RE: To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the fact that planning permission for phase three of Naas Hospital for a two story over-basement extension for endoscopy, day services, oncology and physical medicine, and services planned in the basement, has expired for the second time since 21 December 2024; the reason the planning permission was allowed lapse on two occasions; the timeframe for the completion of these works; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

I can confirm that planning permission for a four story build to include endoscopy, day services, oncology and physical medicine has expired on two occasions. The reason for the lapse is due to a change in priorities of the entire hospital site which includes the proposed Mental Health build which is in the detailed design phase, and the additional 49 beds as announced by the Minister for health in 2024.

Significant work has taken place in recent times to develop and enhance NGH campus including the opening of the 12 bedded Swan Ward in 2023, the imminent opening of an 11 bed Acute Medical Assessment Unit due to open July 2025 and 15 bed Transition Ward due to open Q1 2027.

NGH senior management team continues to work with HSE Estates colleagues on numerous capital projects across the site. The NGH development control plan, a 10-year capital blueprint for the campus is near completion. This detailed document sets out the ambitions and key projects to transform the NGH campus.

In 2024, a new four-story building on campus which will incorporate a new endoscopy suite, day surgical service unit, oncology unit and 49 single occupancy rooms which was approved by the Minister for Health. In the interim NGH senior management team has submitted a request for an onsite modular endoscopy suite to be located at the rear of the hospital. In 2024 the IHA and regional prioritised the development of a suitable new mortuary at NGH including a chapel of rest, family room, counselling room, PM room, bereavement office, and associated rooms, for the appraisal stage on the HSE national capital plan in order to replace the current structure, ensuring dignity for the deceased, providing an enhanced environment for the bereaved and an improved working space for hospital staff.



NGH is currently completing a Department of Health, Strategic Healthcare Investment Framework (SHIF) form in order to progress this development formally on the capital plan. The health and wellbeing of people residing in Kildare and West Wicklow is a priority for this integrated health area (IHA) in the Dublin and Midlands region and Naas General Hospital (NGH) is a key asset in the delivery of safe and effective healthcare in the area.

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

Yours sincerely,

Kieran McDonald
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