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Mr. Pádraig O'Sullivan, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

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“To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the new acute hospital for Glanmire, Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response

In December 2022, the Government approved the progression of the development of a new Elective Hospital in Cork, with the preferred site identified as the St Stephen's Hospital campus in Glanmire, Co. Cork.

The HSE appointed the following teams at the end of 2024 to support the detailed design of the Elective Hospitals in Cork and Galway:

1. Integrated Design Team (IDT) (to provide architectural, design and engineering services)
2. Project Control Team (to support the HSE to manage, control and administer the design/construction programme)

The IDT are working at pace to progress the detailed design to inform planning submissions and the range of statutory and regulatory approvals necessary to proceed to tender and construction. This involves a detailed and comprehensive workplan in 2025 to inform the planning approach and work with the HSE at national level to finalise the design option. This comprehensive work will take time and will be underpinned by significant engagement with multiple stakeholders including Local Authorities.

When the detailed design is completed, a detailed business case will then be prepared in order to seek the necessary funding approvals to proceed to construction.

The Director of Strategic Planning & Performance, HSE South West, Prof John R. Higgins is leading on this project for the Cork site.

Kind regards,

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