

**Oifig and Stiúrthóir Náisiúnta Caipiteal agus Eastáit** Ospidéal Sir Patrick Dun, Sráid Na Canálach Móire Íocht. Baile Átha Cliath 2 D02 P667

Ms Grace Boland, TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street Dublin 2

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PQ 23646/25\* To ask the Minister for Health if her Department or the HSE will arrange the construction of fast track modular build hospital beds, 50 to 100, on a suitable temporary site location at Beaumont Hospital as an interim measure in 2025, using the planning permission provisions and regulations in the Covid legislation to do so; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Grace Boland

Dear Deputy Boland,

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 provisions set out in S.I. No. 93/2020 - Planning and Development Act 2000 (Section 181) Regulations 2020 which stated that any COVID-19 developments specified in the regulations could be subject to a fast-track planning permission are no longer applicable and therefore are no longer available to the HSE, and as such no development can be undertaken under S.I. No 93/2020.

The final grant of planning permission was received for a number of projects on the Beaumont Hospital site and these projects will continue to progress through the normal design stages prior to tendering and commencement. All projects form part of an overall campus development plan and any interim builds may adversely affect the long term development of the hospital.

Yours sincerely

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