



Mr William Aird, TD,
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Leinster House,
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PQ 52181/25* To ask the Minister for Health to provide a timeframe on the funding for the construction of the next phase of the extension of Mountmellick Community Nursing Home, County Laois (St Vincent's Hospital) and the expected capacity of the facility when all phases are completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
-William Aird

Dear Deputy Aird,

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.

Phase one of this project consists of a new two storey development containing fifty single rooms of en-suite accommodation, adjacent and linked to the existing facility. Included in this proposal are support services, associated site works, reconfiguration, upgrade works and landscaping. The commissioning of this phase one development is due to commence in November 2025.

The scale and scope of future additional phasing of works for St Vincent's Hospital Community Nursing Unit, Mountmellick is currently being reviewed with service colleagues and once completed, the specific scope for the next phase will be determined.

This next phase will be subject to a Strategic Healthcare Investment Framework application process and Capital Approvals Process as per the Infrastructure Guidelines.

It would be premature at this time to predict expected capacity of the facility or a timeline on completion of any future phases.

Yours sincerely

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