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Deputy Grace Boland
Leinster House
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PQ ref 52724/25 “To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the establishment of Ireland's first inpatient Mother and Baby Mental Health Unit at St. Vincent's University Hospital; the expected timeframe for completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Boland

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above request, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

A Feasibility Report for the provision of a new Mental Health Acute Unit at St Vincent's University Hospital is due quarter 4 2025. This report will determine capacity at this site for a Mother and Baby Mental Health Unit.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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