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Deputy Pádraig MacLochlainn
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ : 53291/25

Re : To ask the Minister for Health when building of the surgical hub at Letterkenny University Hospital will commence; the expected time frame for completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Pádraig Mac Lochlainn

Dear Deputy

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

The LUH Capital Programme Oversight Board is responsible for the delivery of the new Development Control Plan (DCP) for the hospital. PWC have been appointed to provide Health Planning services and this work will be complete by the end of this year. A design team led by Kevin Jackson Architects has commenced working on the DCP and this is expected to be finalised in Q1 2026. Four priority projects were identified for LUH; Ambulatory Care Hub, Bed Expansion, Critical Care and Emergency Care.

Early outcomes from the Health Planning process have supported the appraisal stage of the Ambulatory Care Hub project which will comprise Ambulatory Oncology and a Surgical Hub. A design team is expected to be appointed to this scheme in Q1 2026 and the project will then proceed through the design work-stages and onto tender and construction.

Yours Sincerely,

Seán Murphy
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