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Mr Liam Quaide, TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street Dublin 2

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PQ 54736/25*To ask the Minister for Health the details of the works undertaken at the site of the former Owenacurra Centre, Midleton, since construction barriers were erected on 6 August 2025; and the timeline for the completion of the new build facility at that location. -Liam Quaide

Dear Deputy Quaide,

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 HSE is progressing with the development of a new rehabilitative residential unit in Midleton town, located on the site of the current Owenacurra facility. This purpose-built facility is designed to meet the needs of the local community and will complement the work of the local community multi-disciplinary mental health team.

The enabling works phase of the project has commenced on site, works completed thus far, include the erection of the site fencing, the setup of the construction compound, the removal of a considerable amount of asbestos in a safe and controlled manner together with environmental monitoring of same, the undertaking of further / additional site — ground investigations. Once, these elements of the works are completed the full demolition of the existing facility will be undertaken.

The design of the new facility is complete, planning permission has been granted and it is currently anticipated that the main works could commence in Q1 2026. A more definitive timeframe for completion will be available once construction has commenced on site.

Yours sincerely

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