



15th September 2025
Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Re: PQ ref 44741/25

To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the extension of the accident and emergency department for Portlaoise Hospital; if recruitment has begun for additional staffing needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter.


Dear Deputy Cullinane,
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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Construction of the Emergency Department extension is now completed and equipping and commissioning is currently taking place with expected completion in Q4 2025.

Recruitment for additional staff is under way and start dates will be confirmed when recruitment clearances are complete.

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

Yours sincerely,


Dolores Fall.
Interim Hospital Manager.