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**PQ 44883/25\* To ask the Minister for Health the total over-expenditure on capital health projects in 2023–2025; and the updated timelines and costs for University Hospital Limerick and Merlin Park, Galway. -Ken O'Flynn**

***Clarification sought from Deputy O'Flynn: In relation to PQ 44883/25, my intention is to seek the most up-to-date costings and revised delivery timelines for the major ongoing capital projects at both University Hospital Limerick and Merlin Park University Hospital, Galway.***

***At University Hospital Limerick, this specifically includes the 96-bed block and any associated acute bed capacity projects. At Merlin Park, Galway, the question refers to the orthopaedics block and related capital works currently under development.***

Dear Deputy O'Flynn,

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.

Please see below information on capital projects for Merlin Park Hospital and University Hospital Limerick as requested.

Table 1 lists projects on the Merlin Park University Hospital campus that includes projects at ongoing design and construction stages, as well as projects where construction has reached practical completion, but some capital expenditure has been incurred in 2025. This includes the specifically requested information on the "Orthopaedic Theatre Block".

Expenditure and Timelines for Capital Projects at Merlin Park University Hospital, Galway				
Project Ref.	Project Name	Project Stage	Total Cost (€m)	Estimated Works Completion YYYY-Q
10674A	Day Surgery Unit - Proposed Surgical Hub	Construction		2026 Q2
11143B	Ground & First floor Outpatients Department	Complete	15.33	Complete 2024
11203B	Replacement Orthopaedic Theatre Block	Complete	10.35	Complete 2022
11588	New Building for Cystic Fibrosis Unit - Adult CF Outpatient Services and Five Day Service	Complete	2.90	Complete 2024
11808	New OPD - Phase 2	Detailed Design		
11809	Campus Electrical Upgrade Works	Construction		2025 Q3
11843	New Elective Hospital	Design Feasibility		
11387	New Build CNU (Replacement Unit) - HIQA	Construction		2026 Q3

Table 2 provides a list of projects at UHL, where such projects specifically relate to bed capacity. Similarly to Table 1, projects listed include ongoing and completed ones where expenditure has or is being incurred in 2025.

Expenditure and Timelines for Capital Projects at University Hospital Limerick				
Project Ref.	Project Name	Project Stage	Total Cost (€m)	Estimated Works Completion YYYY-Q
11113	Ward Block Replacement over ED and Renal Dialysis Units	Construction		2025 Q3
11113A	Ward Block Replacement - Phase 1	Construction		2026 Q3
11113B	Ward Block Replacement - Phase 2	Detailed Design		
11536	New Rapid Build Ward - Covid Action Plan	Complete	12.68	Complete 2020
12051	Inpatient emergency ward in courtyard of existing Hospital	Complete	13.42	Complete 2024
12051A	Inpatient emergency ward in courtyard of existing Hospital - Phase 2	Construction		2025 Q2
12051B	Inpatient emergency ward in courtyard of existing Hospital - Phase 3	Appraisal		
12102	Bed Capacity Project	Appraisal		

The total costs for projects currently in construction are not available until the construction has completed and due to being commercially sensitive during the construction phase.

The estimated works completion dates are based on information available at the time of writing this response and are subject to change.

Yours sincerely

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