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Deputy Michael Cahill, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ ref 45277/25:

“To ask the Minister for Health to confirm when the long overdue new community nursing unit in Killarney, County Kerry will open; and if she will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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 Killarney Community Nursing Unit project is part of a (PPP) Public Private Partnership development. The new unit will replace and enhance the current services provided at Killarney Community Hospitals (incorporating St Columbanus's Home and the District Hospital/Rehab Unit). The new unit will contain 130 single, en-suite bedrooms and will offer high-quality shared spaces for our residents.

The National HSE Estates Department continues to work closely with the contractor to confirm a revised completion date for the construction phase. Local management has been advised that we can expect the building to be handed over to the HSE for the next phase of development towards the end of Q4 2025.

Following handover, the new facility will require significant preparation before it can be operational. It must also be inspected, assessed and ultimately registered by HIQA. This is a legal requirement before we can accept any residents to the new unit.

We are looking forward to moving our residents to their new, high-quality accommodation as soon as possible following registration. HSE South West will continue to engage with our residents, their families and our staff on updates in this regard.

I trust this clarifies the position and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Daly
Head of Service for Older Persons