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Deputy Pa Daly
Dáil Éireann, Leinster House,
Kildare St, Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Daly

Ref PQ 47811/25 :

To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will make funding available for a new oncology stand-alone unit in UHK; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Pa Daly

Dear Deputy Daly,

Please see below response to the above and recent PQ you had raised [ref 47811]

With regard to Oncology Development at UHK, the reconfiguration of ward space in late 2023 enabled the establishment of an Interim Oncology Unit. While this Unit did give rise to an increase in capacity and allows for a more extensive range of treatments, it is long acknowledged that the service requires a permanent stand-alone Oncology & Haematology Unit.

Accordingly development of the planned new standalone permanent Oncology and Haematology Unit will future proof the service from a number of perspectives, including capacity wise to provide safe, timely, evidence based care to our Oncology patients. The new Unit will provide Chemotherapy as well as other innovative therapies such as Immunotherapy.

In cognisance of revised costing undertaken in 2024, a new capital application requesting National Capital & Property Steering Group Approval was submitted through the Capital & Estates system in May 2025. There is also requirement to adhere to an additional Strategic Healthcare Investment Framework (SHIF) process associated to the Department of Health – Accordingly, the SHIF Alignment Form was completed and also submitted in May 2025. Subsequently some additional information was requested in relation to the completed SHIF Alignment Form. This was completed and re-submitted on 31/07/2025. University Hospital Kerry awaits further update on the process via Estates, in due course.

I trust this response is to your satisfaction; should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Fitzgerald

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