



Mr Peter Cleere, TD,
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Leinster House,
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PQ 49252/25* To ask the Minister for Health when the new wing of St. Columba Hospital will be open and operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
-Peter 'Chap' Cleere

Dear Deputy Cleere,

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.

Seven Community Nursing Units (CNU) are being delivered through a public private partnership (PPP) and as such the PPP Company is responsible for managing all processes associated with the construction and delivery of the CNUs.

There have been delays in construction completion of the overall CNU PPP programme and all parties are actively engaging to address all outstanding items to achieve completion dates for each of the seven sites.

The HSE is actively working with PPP Company to achieve receipt of the Thomastown Community Nursing Unit before year end. The building will then be made available to the service for equipping, commissioning and Health Information & Quality Authority (HIQA) registration prior to welcoming patients into the new facility.

Yours sincerely

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