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**PQ 18530/22\* To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on developments at St. Vincent's Hospital, Athy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Patricia Ryan**

Dear Deputy Ryan,

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.

A design team has been appointed to progress a project to deliver a 95-bed replacement CNU at St. Vincent's Hospital Athy. The design of the scheme has been adjusted to take account of learning from the COVID-19 pandemic, in terms of separation and segregation.

The provision of the CNU will be delivered in two phases, with an initial fifty beds being provided in phase one.

It is anticipated that an application for planning permission for this development will be made in quarter two, 2022.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul de Freine', written over a horizontal line.

**Paul de Freine**  
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