



**Oifig an Stiúrthóir Náisiúnta Caipiteal agus Eastáit**  
Ospidéal Sir Patrick Dun, Sráid na Canálach Móire Íocht.  
Baile Átha Cliath 2 D02 P667  
T: 01-6424747

**Office of the National Director Capital & Estates**  
Sir Patrick Dun's, Lower Grand Canal Street, Dublin 2

Mr James Lawless, TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

10th June 2022

**PQ 26554/22\* To ask the Minister for Health the status of and if he will report on progress in relation to the lake view psychiatric ward in Naas Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -James Lawless**

Dear Deputy Lawless,

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.

In order to provide accommodation for patients who are currently being treated in the Lakeview Unit, a new standalone 50-bed Acute Mental Health Unit on the campus of Naas General Hospital is being progressed through the preliminary design stage.

The scope of the project in terms of specification and size has increased due to clinical and service need. There is the requirement to ensure compliance with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DEPR) Public Spending Code 'A guide to Evaluation, Planning and Managing Public Investment'. This will require the preparation of a Strategic Assessment Report (SAR) and a Preliminary Business Case by an appointed consultancy company. A mini-competition for the procurement of a consultancy firm is in progress, the evaluation of which is anticipated to complete later this month.

Yours sincerely,

---

**Paul de Freine**  
**National Director,**  
**Capital & Estates**