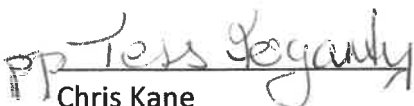


Once the Preliminary Business Case is approved, we will be able to provide a date for the planning application for the new ED and Women & Children's development at UHG. The successful outcome of the planning application will determine the future project timelines (i.e. tender, construction, handover).

However, works in support of additional Covid accommodation are progressing on site at UHG with the construction of the interim (temporary) ED (under current Emergency COVID-19 legislation & regulations (SI 93 & SI 113). This accommodation shall also serve as an enabling advanced works project to clear the site for the permanent ED and Women & Children's development. Works commenced in June 2021 and are programmed to be completed in Q3 2022. A Grant of Planning for a second advanced contract was approved by Galway City Council Planning Department for a new Out-Patients Department (and a standalone Adult Cystic Fibrosis OPD) at Merlin Park University Hospital. These projects are currently at detailed design stage and will be issued to tender thereafter. Works are currently programmed to commence on site in Q3 2022 and having the new facility ready for Q3 2023.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Kane". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Chris Kane
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