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PQ 55061/23* To ask the Minister for Health the current position regarding progress in relation to a project (details supplied: The capital project of approximately €4 million for a new theatre in Kilcreene Regional Orthopaedic Hospital which will allow the number of theatres to increase from 2 to 3 because progress has been very slow and the HSE estates are not given any current information in relation to the drawing up the plans or planning application.) - Sean Fleming. -Sean Fleming

Dear Deputy Fleming,

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. Due to the recent industrial action by management and administrative grade staff in Forsa union in the HSE, there were delays in the processing and answering of Parliamentary Questions. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

The HSE Capital Plan 2024 is currently under review by the Department of Health and awaits Ministerial approval. Once published the plan will list all capital projects which are being supported in 2024.

Currently works are progressing on a surgical hub which includes for additional theatre capacity at University Hospital Waterford. The need for an additional theatre in Kilcreene Orthopaedic Hospital is now under review given the more recent progress of the surgical hub.



Kilcreene Hospital campus is a well used campus, Capital & Estates will continue to support service colleagues at the hospital with the expansion of new services as required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian O'Connell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Brian O'Connell
Interim National Director
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