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Mr. Martin Browne, TD,
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PQ 48808/23*To ask the Minister for Health the progress made in assessing the suitability of sites at Palmers Hill, Cashel and land to the rear of St. Patrick's for the community nursing unit, originally planned for St. Patrick's, Cashel. -Martin Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

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 is committed to the development of a new Community Nursing Unit for Older Persons in Cashel as part of the HSE's Capital Plan.

Following examinations of the existing St. Patrick's Hospital site in Cashel, that location has been deemed insufficient for development of the planned 60 bed facility. HSE Capital and Estates have reviewed an alternative HSE owned site in the Cashel town area (Palmers Hill), for its suitability.



HSE Capital and Estates are in discussions around the purchase of an additional property in the Palmers Hill area which, would allow greater access for the Community Nursing Unit. A decision on this matter is expected to be made in Q1 2024.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian O'Connell".

Brian O'Connell
Interim National Director
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