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PQ 52592/23 : Update on the in-patient peri-natal mental health unit in St. Vincent's Hospital and when this will be operational.

Dear Deputy,

The Health Executive Service has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above request, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

CH East Mental Health Service commenced a process of engagement with the National Clinical Lead Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Services, the Ireland East Hospital Group and HSE Capital and Estates in order to consider accommodation options for the provision of a perinatal mental health inpatient service, in line with the Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Service Model of Care.

Capital funding has been secured to conduct a feasibility study at Elm Mount Unit and this is expected to complete in Q3 2024. This will inform the requirements of the Specialist Perinatal inpatient service and the associated capital submission required to proceed with works.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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