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Deputy Alan Kelly 1 Summerhill, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary

RE: PQ ref 15621/24 Representation To ask the Minister for Health on what date he was notified by the HSE that it was not opening the new community nursing home in Nenagh in 2024

Dear Deputy Kelly

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

The HSEs decision to progress plans for the interim use of Nenagh Community Nursing Unit as a sub-acute rehabilitation facility was communicated to the Minister on March 7, 2024.

The HSE will shortly commence the recruitment process for transition to the intended purpose of Nenagh CNU, it is fully intended the staff and residents of St Conlon's will then move to the CNU. As you know Deputy, the process to recruit suitably qualified staff for the unit could take up to 12 months or longer. A regional recruitment plan is under development owing to the number of posts to be filled for new service developments and replacement posts because of natural attrition of staff across the Health Service.

The HSE are fully committed to opening Nenagh CNU as a long term care facility.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Broderick

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