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*\* To ask the Minister for Health the current status of plans for the development of a new acute adult mental health unit to replace the existing unit at Roscommon University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter\**

Dear Deputy Naughten,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position;

The management team responsible for mental health in the Galway/Roscommon area has put forward a proposal to create a new service for acute mental health issues at Roscommon University Hospital. Both the Chief Officer of Community Healthcare West and the CEO of the Saolta Hospital Group have given their support to this proposed development.

The project is currently at its initial stages, and the HSE Estates Department has recently met with Saolta Management to discuss and revise the Roscommon Hospital Spatial Plan. The plan will include the development of the Acute Mental Health service, which will be presented for approval as part of the future development of the Roscommon University Hospital site.

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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