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PQ 9661/24\* To ask the Minister for Health if he will look at finding a new location for an ambulance base for Athlone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Robert Troy

Dear Deputy Troy,

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 HSE for response

It is the HSE's intention to have a Design Team appointed in Q3 2024 to progress with the design of the new Athlone Ambulance Base.

The first step in the design process will be to assess the possibility of accommodating the base on the HSE owned site to the rear of the new Community Nursing Unit development in Clonbrusk.

If this option is not possible due to the constraints of the site in Clonbrusk, as a second step the HSE will explore other HSE owned sites in the locality. If no suitable HSE site can be identified the HSE will look to acquire a suitable site in the locality on which to develop a new Ambulance base

Yours sincerely

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