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**PQ 31566/24\*To ask the Minister for Health the plans to provide a new daycare centre at Abbeyleigh hospital, including timelines for construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Brian Stanley**

Dear Deputy Stanley,

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.

The current day care centre in Abbeyleigh supporting older people in the area is accommodated adjacent to the Transitional Care Unit in the southern wing of the existing building on the Abbeyleigh Community Nursing Unit campus. Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise who manage the Transitional Care Unit have plans to expand their bed capacity within the area currently occupied by the existing day care centre.

In this regard, there is a proposal to relocate the day service to an interim day care facility on the campus until such time as a permanent facility is delivered on the same campus. Older Person Services are working with Capital & Estates on the development of both the interim and long term proposals.



The interim proposal involves erecting a modular unit on the site adjacent to the southern wing of the Community Nursing Unit to facilitate the relocation of the current day care service from the Community Nursing Unit. An initial application for funding has been submitted for consideration by the HSE National Capital and Property Steering Group. A more definitive timeline for a new daycare centre at Abbeyleix hospital will be available as the project progresses through the design and planning stages.

Yours sincerely

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