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PQ 31853/24* To ask the Minister for Health when the 98 new acute beds for delivery over three Years for University Hospital Waterford, announced in May 2024, will be delivered and a project timeline on the design, planning and build of the new ward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Marc Ó Cathasaigh

PQ 31854/24* To ask the Minister for Health the projected timeline for the construction of the two-floor vertical extension over the existing outpatient department for 36 consulting rooms, four treatment rooms, four measurement rooms and two virtual consulting rooms at University Hospital Waterford, following planning permission granted in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Marc Ó Cathasaigh

PQ 31855/24*To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the announcement in June 2024 that the funding for an appraisal of the two-floor vertical extension over the existing outpatient department project at University Hospital Waterford; the person or organisation that will carry out the appraisal and to what end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Marc Ó Cathasaigh

PQ 31858/24* To ask the Minister for Health the projected timeline for the replacement of the existing adult acute mental health 44-bed unit at University Hospital Waterford, including planning and construction phases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Marc Ó Cathasaigh

Dear Deputy Ó Cathasaigh,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.



I propose to answer all four Parliamentary Questions in this response.

A Development Control Plan (DCP) for University Hospital Waterford is currently underway to review site infrastructure, constraints, other proposed projects and the future services requirements within the campus. It is anticipated that this Development Control Plan will be available for consideration by key stakeholders in Q3 2024.

A number of capital projects are currently being progressed at University Hospital Waterford, as outlined below:

98 Acute Bed Project

The proposed 98 new acute bed project at University Hospital Waterford is at an early stage of the design and planning process. Information on the project costings, timeline and scope will become clearer as the design process advances. This project is due for completion by 2028.

Acute Mental Health Unit

This project includes for the replacement of the existing Adult Acute Mental Health Unit 44 bed multi bed unit at University Hospital Waterford with a new unit which will provide Acute mental health and Psychiatry of Old Age beds.

The Strategic Assessment Report (SAR) and Preliminary Business Case (PBC) for this project and Option Appraisal are currently being progressed and are expected to be complete in Q4 2024. Once validated, the priority will be to move forward with the design and planning stages of this project.

Two Floor Vertical Extension over the existing outpatient department

A Study is being carried out in parallel with the Development Control Plan on University Hospital Waterford to consider if the proposed two floor vertical extension over the existing outpatient department should be constructed as it is currently defined, or whether the proposal needs to be modified. Once the final Development Control Plan has been completed and reviewed a decision will then be made in this regard.



A separate, new, two storey out patients unit at University Hospital Waterford, consisting of 16 consulting rooms, 4 virtual consulting rooms, 2 minor procedure treatment rooms and ancillary accommodation was completed and became operational in 2023.

The programming of these and other projects at University Hospital Waterford will be reviewed and agreed by key stakeholders upon review of the completed overall Development Control Plan. Consideration will also be given to project phasing and programmes, recognising the overall site development needs at University Hospital Waterford.

Yours sincerely

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