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**PQ 23767/24\* To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the status of plans for a community nursing unit in Cashel; to provide an update on the status of investigations into a site (details supplied: the Palmers Hill site); if progress has been made; when a decision is expected to be arrived at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Martin Browne**

Dear Deputy Browne,

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.

As previously communicated, the HSE own lands located at Palmers Hill and engaged an architectural consultancy firm to progress the option of developing the new Community Nursing Unit for Older Persons on the site. A process of discussions with the local authority has followed, including considerations relating to access for the site, the possible requirement for some additional land in its vicinity and the current zoning of the location.

It is the intention of the HSE to make a submission as part of the upcoming review of the Local Authorities Development Plan for Cashel, later this year. As a result, a decision on the purchase of additional land at Palmers Hill will not be made until after that process is concluded.



The HSE is also examining other sites in the Cashel locality, as part of an overall option appraisal for the project. A decision on the location of the new CNU is expected to be made by the end of the year.

The HSE remains committed to the development of a new 60-bed Community Nursing Unit for Older Persons in Cashel as part of the HSE's Capital Plan.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian O'Connell".

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**Brian O'Connell**  
**Interim National Director**  
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