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**PQ ref 38873/24**

**“To ask the Minister for Health when he expects a hospital building (details supplied) to be ready to accommodate residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.**

**Details Supplied:**

**The new community hospital in Midleton, Co. Cork.**

Dear Deputy Stanton,

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.

Three of the Community Nursing Units (CNUs) included in a national single bundle of CNUs, to be developed by Public Private Partnership (PPP), are located in the Cork Kerry Community Healthcare region. Two of these CNUs are in Cork — a 105-bed facility in St Finbarr’s and a 50-bed facility in Midleton. Both units will provide significant bed capacity and state-of-the-art facilities, in addition to increased amenities for residents and enhanced visitor facilities.

The new Midleton Community Nursing Unit will be comprised of short and long stay beds for older persons and is anticipated to complete construction during late Quarter 4 2024/early Quarter 1 2025. Following contract completion, handover and commissioning of the new build, the new building must be registered with HIQA as per the legislation set out in Schedule 1 of the Health Act 2007. Once the Community Nursing Unit is registered, the HSE can admit residents and workforce planning is progressing across all staff disciplines to ensure the required complement and skill mix of staff is in place to facilitate the operational schedule. It is estimated that, pending successful registration and recruitment, the new CNU will be fully resourced and operational during Quarter 2, 2025.

Provision of these additional beds will offer further choice of long-term residential care for older residents across this region.

I trust this clarifies the position. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Jackie Daly  
Head of Service for Older Persons

