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PQ 39348/24* To ask the Minister for Health for an update on capital funding for the approved 97-bed ward extension at Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Verona Murphy

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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.

Funding in the HSE Capital Plan has been allocated this year to ensure the timely progression of the development of the 97 bed ward block (Somerton Wing) at Wexford General Hospital.

Enabling works including a multi-storey car park & electrical diversions are required in advance of the construction of the ward block. It is envisaged that these enabling works will commence with the construction of the multistorey car park in Q4 2024 with the remaining enabling works due to be completed by Q4 2025. In parallel to the above, the detailed design of the Somerton Wing is well underway and it is expected to go to tender for main contract works in Q2 2025.



Once the contactor is appointed, the estimated construction programme is approximately 24-30 months.

The total project cost is commercially sensitive and will be determined upon completion of the tender process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian O'Connell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Brian O'Connell
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