



**Oifig and Stiúrtóir Náisiúnta,  
Caipéal agus Eastáit**

Ospidéal Sir Patrick Dun,  
Sráid Na Canálach Móire Íochtarach.  
Baile Átha Cliath 2, D02 P667

**Office of the National Director  
Capital & Estates**

Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital,  
Lower Grand Canal Street,  
Dublin 2, D02 P667

**www.hse.ie  
@hselive**

**T 01 642 4747  
e ND.CapitalEstates@hse.ie**

Ms. Patricia Ryan, TD,  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

4th November 2024

**PQ 43493/24\* to ask the Minister for Health if he will provide with certainty an official date for the opening of a daycare centre (details supplied Monasterevin Daycare centre). -Patricia Ryan**

**PQ 43494/24\* To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the funding allocated in 2025, if any, for the completion of a daycare centre (details supplied: Monasterevin Daycare centre), in the event that the centre is not fully completed and open before the end of 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Patricia Ryan**

**PQ 43491/24\*To ask the Minister for Health having been made aware that the HSE installing incorrect flooring and fittings in a daycare centre (details supplied: Monasterevin Daycare centre), and additionally faults with the exterior back yard surfacing, which is a trip hazard, all of which issues must now be rectified and replaced, if he will clarify who signed off on the flooring, fittings and surfacing concerned; if the funding expended on these mistakes will be reimbursed to the centre's allocated funds; if not, the reason why Not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Patricia Ryan**

**PQ 43492/24\*To ask the Minister for Health regarding the funding expended on the erroneous flooring, fittings and yard surfacing by the HSE in a building (details supplied: Monasterevin Daycare centre), when these funds will be reimbursed to the centre's Allocated funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Patricia Ryan**

Dear Deputy Ryan,

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 your four Parliamentary Questions in this one response.



## **Flooring**

The flooring provided to the Day Care Centre consists of 3 types of flooring, as follows:

- 'Sure step' Safety Vinyl (Wound Clinic, Consulting Rooms, Toilets, Kitchen, Tea Station and Stores)
- 'Flotex' Textile Flooring (Bookable Room, Group Room, Dining Room & Waiting Room)
- 'Interface' Carpet Tile Finish (Corridors, Stairs, Meeting Room & Office)

The 'Flotex' Textile Floor Finish has a PVC backing and is both a washable and waterproof textile floor. It is a hygienic product that is easy to clean, maintain and is commonly used in high traffic areas where food and beverages are served. It also provides sound absorption and slip resistance. The design team for the project recommend it is an acceptable finish and fit for use in the areas it has been utilised.

The 'Interface' Carpet Tile is a hard-wearing carpet tile and is used in the non-clinical areas identified above and is also recommended by the design team as acceptable for use in the locations it has been utilised.

The design team in consultation with HSE Capital & Estates are however working closely with the services on site to address the very recent, post-handover observations raised regarding the "Flotex" and "Interface" flooring choices. Rest assured that any remedial actions necessary in response will be managed within the project budget.

## **Fixtures**

Without further detail in respect of "incorrect fittings" the HSE are not in a position to respond however, the design team and main contractor are currently working through completing a general snag list which captures end user feedback; it is anticipated that this final snag should alleviate any residual concerns under this heading.

## **Paving**

The Paving installed to the rear and in the courtyard is a natural limestone paving. The natural limestone is a high-quality product and was specified as it is in keeping with the limestone contained in the outbuildings and cills of the existing building. The existing building and its curtilage are Protected Structures and the design team recommend that the limestone paving adjacent to the Building is in keeping with the nature of the Protected Structure and is fit for purpose. The snag list as aforementioned acknowledges that some of the joints between the pavings are uneven and this is an item the contractor will rectify.



**Opening**

It is planned that any remedial actions arising from the above will run in parallel to service equipping and commissioning, which is presently ongoing, to ensure that all end users are enabled to open services within 2024.

Yours sincerely

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

---

**Brian O'Connell**  
**Interim National Director**  
**Capital & Estates**