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Mr Brendan Smith TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: PQ ref 43822/24 - The need to replace Clogher House with a new Activation Unit in Cavan Town

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the progress to date in providing new and much needed accommodation, the need to replace Clogher House, Cavan and have a new modern special activation unit provided in Cavan Town area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” B. Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

I refer to your parliamentary question above which has been referred to me for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can advise that HSE Community Services Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo Disability Services Management, supported by the HSE Estates North East department, completed a comprehensive submission for capital funding for a new day service premises to replace the premises based at Rathcorrick, Cavan. This submission to support the development and delivery of a new Day Activation Unit (DAU) in County Cavan, was approved at the February 2024 meeting of the national HSE Capital and Property Steering Group Committee.

HSE Estates North East, in consultation with Cavan Monaghan Disability Services, has identified a site in Cavan town that has been deemed a suitable location, in line with national policy standards, for providing services for a new DAU. Following advice and direction received from Disability Services at national level on the 6th of May 2024 to explore a lease option at the green field site identified, HSE Estates North East engaged with the landowners and their professional team.

An application pertaining to the lease option was lodged with the Property Review Group in July 2024. The Property Review Group advised that the submission was classed as a works contract and, therefore, needed to be advertised in line with public procurement guidelines.

HSE Estates North East advertised in September 2024 via the E-Tenders platform a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) to identify suitable candidates for the development and lease of a DAU in Cavan town.

The approximate timeline will be as follows;

- Procurement of suitable candidate through E-Tenders (10 -12 Weeks)
- Internal approvals / sign off via HSE Property Review Group (2 weeks).

- Detailed design / statutory approvals (planning permission, fire certification, Disability Access Certificate, if/as required) (12 weeks)
- Construction (12 to 15 months)
- Commissioning and equipping (6 weeks)

The above timelines are indicative only and the project is subject to HSE Property Review Group approval at various stages in the process.

The HSE Estates department will be able to give a more definitive timeline once the procurement process to identify a suitable candidate to progress the development has closed.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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