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To ask the Minister for Health if the new 96 bed block in UHL will open in June 2024 as already advised by the HSE. -Alan Kelly

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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.

Work commenced on the first 96-bed ward block at University Hospital Limerick in September 2022. The delivery of this unit is well underway with construction works continuing to progress on site. It is envisaged that the construction phase will be complete by Q1 2025.

Once handed over by the contractors, the new build will need to be equipped and commissioned and staff trained following the completion of a recruitment campaign. We anticipate that this much-needed additional bed capacity for the region will become operational in mid-2025.

Please note, having reviewed the bed profile, this bed block will now comprise of 96 new beds and 0 replacement beds.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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