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Ms. Roisin Shortall, TD,  
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**PQ 35902/24\* To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans for a 60-bed community nursing unit in Cashel, County Tipperary; if a new site has been identified (details supplied: I understand that the CNU was to be located on the site of Saint Patrick's Hospital in the town but this was deemed unsuitable due to lack of car parking spaces.); the timeline he is working towards in delivering this new development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Róisín Shortall**

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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.

Following examinations of the existing St. Patrick's Hospital site in Cashel, that location has been deemed insufficient for development of the planned 60 bed Community Nursing Unit.

The HSE own lands located at Palmers Hill and have engaged a Design Team to consider the option of developing the new Community Nursing Unit for Older Persons on the site. There has been engagement with the local authority in relation to this proposal including consideration relating to access for the site, the possible requirement for some additional land in its vicinity and the current zoning on the site.

The HSE is also examining other sites in the Cashel locality, as part of an overall option appraisal for the project. A final decision on the location of the new Community Nursing Unit is expected to be made by the end of the year.



The HSE remains committed to the development of a new 60-bed Community Nursing Unit for Older Persons in Cashel as part of the HSE's Capital Plan.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian O'Connell".

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**Brian O'Connell**  
**Interim National Director**  
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