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*PQ46814/24: To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the elective hospital in Cork.*

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for response.

I am pleased to update you on progress and advise you that the HSE appointed the following teams at the end of 2024 to support the detailed design of the Elective Hospital in Cork and Galway;

1. Integrated Design Team (to provide architectural, design and engineering services)
2. Project Control Team (to support the HSE to manage, control and administer the design/construction programme)

The HSE is finalizing the Preliminary Planning Brief for both locations and the Integrated Design team is now actively working with HSE to progress the detailed planning and design of both facilities.

This involves a detailed and comprehensive workplan in 2025 to inform the planning approach and work with HSE to finalise the design option. This comprehensive work will take time and will be underpinned by significant engagement with multiple stakeholders including Local Authorities.

When the detailed design is completed, a detailed business case will then be prepared in order to seek the necessary funding approvals to proceed to construction.

I trust the above information provides you with a satisfactory response and is of assistance to you.

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