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RE: REP-20-04682 Capacity at Portiuncula University Hospital

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Portiuncula University Hospital are currently working with HSE Estates to provide additional bed capacity on the PUH site. This work involves two phases as outlined below:

1. The provision of a temporary modular Out Patient Department (OPD). Funding is secured to progress this project and it is envisaged that it will be completed by the end of December 2020 and operational towards the end of January 2021.
2. The conversion of the current OPD into ensuite 14 single rooms. A Design Team has been appointed and PUH/Estates are working through the design stage. This will provide additional capacity for isolation rooms as part of additional bed capacity for the hospital.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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