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Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Infrastructure

BY EMAIL

11th May 2023

Dear Deputy Binet,

New Healthcare Facilities Programme

Thank you for your response of 17th April to this Panel's letter dated 27th March. The Panel would like to follow up on two of the responses provided.

- The Panel had asked for confirmation of when the first version of the New Healthcare Facilities Programme Manual will be completed. Thank you for confirming that the publication will be shared with Scrutiny when it is published. Please provide the date on which it will be published.
- 2. Please clarify your response to the Panel's question in relation to whether the Government's key milestone (detailed in R.32/2023) has been met or not as follows:
 - a. Was the milestone to 'appoint client team for feasibility studies' completed in Jan-Feb 2023?
 - b. Please provide the Panel with an updated timeline showing the impact that this will have on the preparation for and delivery of the New Healthcare Facilities Programme.

In addition, the Panel would request information in the following areas.

Construction Industry

3. Following the collapse of Cameron's and, even more recently, that of JP Mauger, the Panel has continuing concerns about reduced capacity within the local construction market to carry out major infrastructure projects, the type of contracts which suppliers will now be requesting and the likely impact on the New Healthcare Facilities Programme. Please could you provide the Panel with information about adaptations that are being made to the contract process – if any – and the current understanding of the economic outlook for the construction industry.

Former Les Quennevais School

4. You have suggested to the Panel that it is intended that the healthcare estate will need to be flexible enough to house different services at different times. Please could you confirm that the corridors at the former Les Quennevais School are wide enough for the services currently intended to be transferred to the building and whether the width will provide sufficient flexibility for a potential change of service use within the lifespan of the building.

- 5. It is the Panel's understanding that specific healthcare facilities and consulting rooms require natural light in the event of a power supply failure.
 - a. What is the back-up power provision for the Les Quennevais site?
 - b. Which facilities and types of room use require natural light to be compliant?
 - c. Has this been fully considered in the room and service allocations in the current plans to ensure that all those rooms which need natural light in the event of power failure have it?

The Panel would be grateful for a response within five working days of receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Deputy Sam Mézec

Chair

Future Hospital Review Panel