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Dep John Connolly welcomes progress on additional bed blocks at UHG

Construction of additional bed blocks at UHG has moved a step closer, with Dep John Connolly welcoming the start of enabling works and the tenders for design team frameworks.

Two additional bed blocks for UHG will be built as part of the overall redevelopment plan for the hospital. The proposed blocks will have an additional 150 beds in each. Some will replace existing beds, but an additional bed capacity of over 200 is expected upon completion.

During Dáil Questions, Fianna Fáil Galway West TD John Connolly raised the issue of when design teams for the development of the new blocks would be appointed, given appointments were expected by the end of this year.

The Health Service Executive has written to Dep Connolly informing him that “considerable enabling works” - such as site preparation and site clearance - are required on the UHG campus in advance of the Ward Blocks being built.

As a result, a design team has been appointed for the site of one of the blocks, designated as Ward Block A, and that these works are ongoing.

Meanwhile, tenders to establish design team frameworks for major projects on the UHG campus were published in the last week of November. It is expected that once these frameworks are formed, tenders can be awarded for the two Ward Blocks in Q1 2026.

A tender process to appoint Design Teams for enabling works to other sites is currently at tender evaluation stage and it is intended that this framework will be established by the end of December.

“We are inching towards the beginning of these much needed new bed blocks being built, and that is very good news for Galway and for healthcare throughout the city and county,” said Dep Connolly. “I very much look forward to seeing construction start on both these vital facilities next year.”

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