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**Re: PQ ref 4417/19**

\* \* To ask the Minister for Health if the planned primary healthcare centre in Arklow, County Wicklow and its services or facilities are at risk of delay or cancellation due to the cost overruns on the new National Children's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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 and Children for response. I have examined the matter and HSE Estates have informed me that the following outlines the position.

The proposed Primary Care Centre at Arklow is being developed via the HSE's Operational Lease mechanism. This mechanism facilitates primary care services being provided by both the public and private sector (HSE and General Practitioners) on an integrated basis. The private sector provides for the Primary Care Team (PCT) infrastructure, with the HSE taking fixed term leases for their portion of the facilities. Primary Care Centres delivered via the Operational Lease mechanism are not delivered via the HSE's Capital Plan. Therefore, Arklow Primary Care Centre will not be delayed by the construction of the National Children's Hospital.

The developer of Arklow Primary Care Centre has just received a full grant of planning and has informed the HSE that works are programmed to commence construction in 2019.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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