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***To ask the Minister for Health when a methadone clinic will be built in Newbridge, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Fiona O'Loughlin***

Dear Deputy O'Loughlin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

An options appraisal was carried out by the Health Service Executive in 2018 with regard to possible Health Service Executive locations for treatment centres in County Kildare. The criteria included; adequate available space for the service, well serviced by public transport and availability of staff to work in this location. Kildare Health Centre was identified as the most suitable location, and capital funding was approved for the renovations of the Health Centre. Due to delays during 2018, the proposal to set up a treatment centre in Kildare was re-evaluated as building of other Primary Care Centres have progressed and the extension of the Kildare Primary Care Centre was approved. These factors changed the availability of sites in Kildare and as a result the options appraisal is currently being repeated and will identify suitable sites.

The Health Service Executive, in line with the National Drug Strategy, plans to provide treatment services locally for all patients who require these services. In 2020, the future developments for the Health Service Executive Addiction Services are the provision of specialised treatment services in North Kildare and South Kildare.

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

Yours sincerely,

  
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