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Deputy Jan O'Sullivan  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**RE PQ 32346/19: To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delays in the opening of the Bettystown primary care centre; the services the centre will provide; the date for the opening of the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question and Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

We have, over the past year, been engaged with a developer to provide accommodation for a Primary Care Unit in Bettystown, Co. Meath.

The project has advanced to a stage where I expect a final sign off on the proposed layouts from the service heads by mid-September 2019, a sign-off meeting with Heads of Social Care, Primary Care and Mental Health will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

In parallel, there is the legal process, which is underway.

It is expected that when the brief, with layouts etc., is agreed and signed-off and the Agreement for Lease is signed that planning can be lodged.

The planning, tendering and construction phases are expected to take a further 15 months to deliver the Primary Care Unit.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett  
Chief Officer  
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