

10th April, 2019

Deputy Imelda Munster Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

RE PQ 13544/19: To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding plans that were in train in 2011 for a primary health care centre in Ardee, County Louth to replace the interim primary care centre that was based at St. Brigid's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Munster,

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.

The proposed development in Ardee, County Louth was under consideration as a Public Private Partnership with a local developer and the HSE. Due to a number of factors the project did not progress.

In the interim, the HSE progressed the development of Boyne Primary Care Centre, in Drogheda. This facility was procured through the HSE's Operational Lease Mechanism. The Centre which opened in July 2018 provides a full range of Primary Care Services.

In addition, capital monies were secured to extend and refurbish Ferrard Primary Care Centre in Clogherhead.

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,

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