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Deputy Niamh Smyth,  
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Leinster House,  
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary care centres in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath; the services being provided by each location; his plans for further investment in services at these locations; if there are vacancies waiting to be filled at these centres in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Niamh Smyth

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Dear Deputy Smyth,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Please see attached in appendix 1 a list of Primary Care Centres in Meath, Cavan and Monaghan, including a breakdown of services provided as well as the vacancies per centre.

Primary Care Centres have a key role to play in delivering the vision for a reformed health service laid out in Sláintecare which is *"the right care, in the right place, at the right time"*. They facilitate the shift from acute care to primary care because of the range of multi-disciplinary services they can provide and the role they can play in providing health services in the community setting.

Good progress continues to be made in the development and rollout of Primary Care Centres: 128 centres are now fully operational, up from 70 at the end of 2012. Twenty new Primary Care Centres became operational in 2018-2019, and a further one centre is expected to open towards the end of 2019, with another twenty estimated to follow in 2020.

The next stage in the development of Primary Care Centres will be to move away from a focus on infrastructure delivery, to focus on service delivery and effective utilisation of these centres as a healthcare resource

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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