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“To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the decision to close the Castlemartyr health centre in Cork; if it is his decision; and if not, the person that made this decision.”

Dear Deputy Buckley,

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 for response.

There has been no decision made to close the health centre in Castlemartyr. However building upgrade work planned to improve the clinic space in Castlemartyr Health Centre has been put on hold and is not proceeding at this time. The existing condition of the building, coupled with the high clinical standards required by health guidelines, means that the required level of building finishes/standards can only be achieved with a prohibitive level of investment.

Many people from the area currently receive healthcare services from the nearby facilities in Carrigtwohill, Midleton, Cloyne and Ballymacoda with less than 10 clients per week attending for clinics in Castlemartyr Health Centre in September 2019. Cork Kerry Community Healthcare is currently undertaking a review to explore the options available to ensure the needs of the population of Castlemartyr are met in a way that is appropriate and safe.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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