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Dáil Éireann,
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“To ask the Minister for Health the reason in January of 2019 permission was granted to carry out a single story extension including the remodelling of the interior and the installation of a wheelchair assessable ramp at Castylmartyr community health centre; the reason work was not started on this plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Buckley,

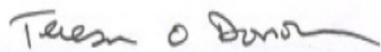
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The 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 costs involved to achieve the required level of building finishes/standards would be prohibitive and not a prudent use of public funds.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare is currently undertaking a review to explore the options available to ensure the needs of the population of Castelmartyr 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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