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Pat Buckley T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
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**PQ ref 38736/19**

**“To ask the Minister for Health if the decision to close Castlemartyr health centre is finalised; and the final date for the closure.”**

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 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 local population 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,



**Teresa O' Donovan**  
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