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Mr. Seán Canney TD,
St. David's,
The Mall,
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To ask the Minister for Health when he envisages diagnostic equipment will be installed in the primary care centre in Tuam, County Galway in view of the fact his predecessor allocated a sum of €770,000 for the installation of such facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Canney,

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

The Tuam Diagnostic Service is being developed in conjunction with Portiuncula University Hospital Ballinasloe, Saolta Hospital Group, HSE Estates and Primary Care Services.

At the most recent meeting held on Friday 12th June between HSE Estates, the Radiology Department of Portiuncula University Hospital (PUH) and Primary Care Services, the layout of the proposed diagnostics areas in both Tuam Primary Care Centre and Tuam Health Centre were agreed by PUH as part of the feasibility study being undertaken by HSE Estates.

Tuam Primary Care Centre forms part of the national Public Private Partnership (PPP) Primary Care Centre Contract which is a single national contract covering multiple Primary Care Centres. As such, it may prove difficult to alter the contract to facilitate the fit out of a diagnostic suite in the centre. The feasibility of this is currently being explored by HSE Estates, as is the feasibility of an alternative location in the nearby Tuam Health Centre.

Both feasibility studies are currently in the final stages of development.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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