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**Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.**

PQ Ref. No. 36797/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the status of primary care centre delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 36797/20), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The development of Primary Care Centres, to accommodate the HSE's Community Healthcare Networks and GPs in the one location, is a key enabler for the delivery of primary care services. A number of years ago the Primary Care Division of the HSE, in conjunction with HSE Estates, identified 341 locations for Primary Care Centres.

In 2012 these locations were prioritized on the basis of service need, existing facilities and level of deprivation. The most suitable delivery model of the primary care centre was also identified.

The three models used for the development of primary care centres are as follows:

- Exchequer Funded Development (Capital Plan)
- Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Programme (Government Stimulus Programme)
- Operational Lease

The total number of operating PCCs at the end of September 2020 is 135, six of which have become operational in 2020 to date. A further 6 PCCs are expected to become operational in Q4 2020 bringing the total number of operating PCCs at the end of December 2020 to 141.

An overarching review of Primary Care Centres that will include an update of the rankings of the proposed locations and a determination of how further delivery is to be prioritized is planned. This review will help us better understand how Primary Care Centres are currently used and requirements emerging in the context of the COVID Pandemic.



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The development of Primary Care Centres continues to be an important building block in enabling the vision of Sláintecare to become a reality. The centres provide a setting in which a wide range of health professionals can deliver better care, closer to people's homes in their local communities.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Crowley', written over a horizontal line.

Geraldine Crowley,
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