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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Re: PQ - 23963/20 - Dundalk Primary Care Centre

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

Dundalk was identified as a location in the National Primary Care Needs assessment in 2008 for a Primary Care Centre. Initial approval was granted at National HSE National Property Review Group (PRG) meeting 1st May 2018 to lease an area of 26,900ftq.

Following completion of a CHO8 review into accommodation in Dundalk, in late 2019, a revised brief was signed off by Divisional Leads. This revised submission now reflects the services desire to accommodate all 4 Primary Care Team's together with 3 Disability Teams and all Mental Health services for Dundalk with the exception of Child and Adult Mental Health Services.

The revised submission was submitted in March 2020 but owing to the Covid-19 pandemic the PRG scheduled meetings have been postponed and as a result this submission has not been reviewed.

The location, proposed, is the Carroll's site and the timeline will be determined by the developer if and when he receives a formal Letter of Intent from the HSE. Currently the HSE is not in a position to issue a revised Letter of Intent until the outcome of the PRG is known. Realistically it would take most of 2020 to obtain a grant of planning permission and complete the design so a start date of Q1 2021 would be as optimistic as possible.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett
Chief Officer
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