



Mr. Seán Canney, TD,  
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**PQ 25710/20 \* To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that primary care centres built under a public private partnership arrangement cannot be structurally altered without a formal approval by the PPP company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Seán Canney**

This is delaying the introduction of services such as x-ray facilities and Audiology into the Primary Care Centre

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 to the Minister for Health for response.

Primary Care Centres (PCCs) developed using the PPP model are not owned by the HSE until the end of the 25-year concession period (2041). The HSE pay for the PCCs by way of a monthly unitary charge. The facilities are provided on an availability basis and the PPP Co. are responsible for maintaining and operating the PCCs. Any changes or variations to the buildings require the agreement of the PPP Co. and their funders who provided the funding to develop the infrastructure.

Yours sincerely,

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