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Deputy Matt Carthy TD  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**Re: PQ61461/21 “To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the Carrickmacross Primary Care Centre to be operational; the number of HSE staff that will be employed at the centre; the number of nurses that will be based at the centre; the differing nursing specialities involved and the number for each; if clinical nurse specialists in tissue viability and wound care will be based at the centre; when the recruitment process will begin; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.**

Dear Deputy Carthy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted to the Chief Officer, CHO 1 for response. I have examined the matter, and the following outlines the position.

The Carrickmacross Primary Care Centre is in the final stage of completion and fit out by the provider. It is anticipated that it will be handed over to the HSE in January 2022. Full equipping and furnishing will take place during February with an expected operational commencement date at the end of February or March 2022.

There will be approximately 40 HSE staff providing services from the Primary Care Centre including Primary Care Dental and Mental Health Services.

Current dental services to eligible children and adolescents in both Ballybay and Carrickmacross are provided by one dental team comprising a General Dental Surgeon and Dental Nurse. In addition to this, dental services to those with additional/special needs are provided two days a week in the Health Centre in Ballybay by a team of one Senior Dental Surgeon, Special Needs and a Dental Nurse and it is envisaged that both dental teams will be working in the New Primary Care Centre.

There are five Public Health Nurses based in Carrickmacross and one Registered General Nurse. In addition there is a Tissue Viability Nurse and a Continence Nurse based in Primary Care Cavan/Monaghan across both Networks who may provide level two specialist nursing interventions to clients in the Carrickmacross area where there is an identified need.

Some recruitment is ongoing but the majority of the HSE staff identified are in position and currently providing services.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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