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Deputy Imelda Munster Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

**Re:** PQ - 62187/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the east Meath primary care centre is not expected to be operational until quarter four of 2022 given that the HSE is hopeful that negotiations on the agreement of legal documents can be concluded before year end 2021 to allow works to commence in quarter one of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Imelda Munster (Also Ref no 107/12)

Dear Deputy Munster,

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 and also your email dated 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

Negotiations are nearing a conclusion on the Agreement for Lease between the HSE and the preferred provider. It is hoped that the documents can be signed in the coming weeks. Assuming the legal agreements are signed it is expected that works will commence Q1 2022. The works are expected to take 8 months to complete on site with a further period for equipping. It is expected that the centre will be operational in Q4 2022.

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,

Des O'Flynn Chief Officer Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation