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**To ask the Minister for Health if audiology services have reopened and if clinics have recommenced in Tuam, County Galway; the status of a tender application for audiology testing facility in Tuam primary care centre, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Canney,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Currently the Galway Community Audiology Services are providing an essential service in 10 Ely Place Sea Rd, Galway to all of County Galway. It is envisaged when the service is developed in Tuam Primary Care Centre a local Audiology service will be provided there.

In relation to the provision of a specialist audiology booth in the centre, Tuam Primary Care forms part of the National Primary Care PPP Bundle. The HSE has engaged with the Owners of the Centre in relation to the provision of such a booth in the centre, and is currently progressing the detailed design of the required clinical rooms. It is expected that the detail design phase will be complete within the next two months. Following on completion of the detail design phase the Building Owners will proceed to tender the required building and specialist works. The HSE will review the overall costs for incorporation of the works into the building and the PPP Contract at that stage.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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