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"To ask the Minister for Health the details of the process undertaken by the HSE to tender for general practitioner services for the Bandon primary health centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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.

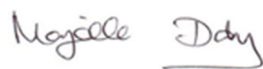
The HSE's commitment to the development of Primary Care Centres across the country is outlined in its Capital Development Plan. These centres aim to be a one stop shop providing a range of primary care team services such as GP's, Community Nursing, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Speech Therapists, Dieticians, Counsellors and in some cases dental and mental health services. They are primarily developed as public private partnership builds or as long term operational leases.

The Bandon Primary Care Centre has been developed in accordance with the national HSE policy for the development of Primary Care Centres, which requires the location of a number of G.P.'s in the centres. Based on the size of the population being served in the area, the process identifies the minimum number of GP's (with a medical card list) that are required to operate from the primary care centre. The developer engages with the local GPs regarding their interest in the PCC and it is the responsibility of the developer to ensure commitment from the GP's. The developer confirms to the HSE as part of their submission (which includes signed GP declarations), that they have the minimum number of GP's interested in locating their practices in the Centre.

The development of the Primary Care Centre in Bandon will facilitate greater collaboration between the local GPs and the HSE services.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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