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**PQ 9898/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health if the new primary healthcare centre in Enniscorthy, County Wexford will include full changing places and toilets; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

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**PQ 9899/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health if the new primary healthcare centre in Enniscorthy, County Wexford will include a hoist available to assist persons to treatment beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Mythen,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following outlines the current position.*

I am pleased to advise that full changing places and toilets and a hoist available to assist persons to treatment beds are being accommodated in the Enniscorthy Primary Care Centre (PCC) and the HSE is implementing best practice for the construction of the PCC.

For ease of reference and understanding of the person/patient flow the following will be delivered:

- Persons with disabilities have 8 car parking spaces immediately adjacent to the entrance to the PCC.
- For persons with a disability who are brought to the centre in a car by a carer there is a drop off /collect zone immediately adjacent to the entrance. External seating will be provided adjacent to the drop off area whilst the carer parks the car.
- All parking and the drop off zone is “at grade” meaning that there are no ramps or steps impeding access to or egress from the centre.
- Electric bi-parting doors will open automatically to facilitate people entering the building and close behind them.
- All floors of the centre are level with 2 lifts (including 1 bed lift) accommodating vertical transport between floors. All doors accommodate large wheelchairs and corridors are 1.8m

wide to ensure that people with wheelchairs / parents with children in buggies can easily pass each other.

- A changing places compliant toilet is located in the ground floor lobby some 10m from the front door and accessible to all disabled users of the PCC. It will have the hoist that is mentioned.
- There is a hoist in the HSE treatment area which is capable to transferring patients from their wheelchair to a couch for examination or treatment.
- Appropriately trained HSE staff will be in attendance at the PCC.

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

Yours sincerely,



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