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Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare St. Dublin 2

Re:. PQ 56684/21 "To ask the Minister for Health & Children the number of Primary Health Care Centres in Co. Clare in each of the years 2017 - 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form."

Dear Deputy Wynne,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question. I wish to advise you of the following:

I can confirm that there are currently no Primary Care Centres operational in Co. Clare. Please see below an update in relation to the status of the proposed Primary Care Centres in Co. Clare:

- Station Road, Ennis, Co. Clare The Primary Care Centre is currently under construction. Planning permission has been sought to increase the floor area of the building to provide for additional services and a decision is awaited from An Bord Pleanala in relation to same. Subject to this decision, the timeframe for completion of the additional floor space can then be established. It is anticipated that this Primary Care Centre will be operational by mid summer 2022.
- Tulla Road, Ennis, Co. Clare This project has been delayed due to a planning matter which is currently on-going with An Bord Pleanala. The HSE continues to seek progress updates from the developer in relation to same.
- Ennistymon, Co. Clare A number of priced proposals have been received for the provision of primary care accommodation in Ennistymon via the operational lease model. The HSE's Estates division are currently engaging with the promoter of the top ranked proposal. It is hoped that a firm proposal to meet HSE requirements via the operational lease model can be agreed and progressed.
- Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare Location was re-advertised in September 2021 and a number of submissions were received which are currently under review. There remains a strong commitment to progress with providing a Primary Care Centre in this location.
- Kilrush, Co. Clare A review of the current facilities and the overall accommodation requirements for the area is due to be undertaken. Enhancements have recently been made to the existing Health Centre in Kilrush.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

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