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Ms Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, TD, Dail Eireann. Leinster House, Kildare Street Dublin 2

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PQ 58295/21 \* To ask the Minister for Health when primary care services and a new primary care facility will be established in Tullow, County Carlow; the location of same; the timescale for this service to be established; the planned location of the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Jennifer Murnane O'Connor

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

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.

Tullow/Rathvilly/Hacketstown was included on the latest national advertisement in May 2019 seeking expressions of interest from third parties for the provision of Primary Care Centres via Operational Leases.

In the intervening period the HSE sought submissions from the interested parties that met all qualifying criteria, final submissions have been received, evaluated and the HSE are engaging with the preferred bidder. Once the lease evaluation process has fully concluded and operational lease terms are agreed the HSE will be in a position to provide details of the proposed location of the primary care centre.

As this is a developer led process the timeframe for the delivery of the primary care centre will be determined by the developer and agreed with the HSE. Until the Agreement for Lease is executed, planning permission achieved and construction commenced it is not possible to confirm the programme for the development.

Yours sincerely,

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