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PQ 58950/21\* To ask the Minister for Health the primary care plans for each CHO; the progress to date on each project; the timeframe for delivery of each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

At present there are 147 primary care centres open, see attached report with full CHO listing.

There are 28 Primary Care Centres currently in construction which will open in 2022 & 2023, see attached report. 80 Primary Care Centres are being planned for development, see attached report with full listing per CHO as requested.

The HSE are conducting a review of requirements for additional Primary Care Centre locations and following this review it is expected that these centres will be progressed at a later stage.

The majority of Primary Care Centres are being delivered via the HSE's Primary Care Centre Operational Lease mechanism. The delivery of a primary care centre is dependent on a number of factors such as availability and suitability of site location, GP involvement, service agreement, value for money and HSE Board approval. Given the many stages involved including getting statutory approvals (Planning Permission, Fire Safety Certificate and DAC) it is not possible to give an accurate timeframe for the delivery of a project prior to the commencement of construction. The typical timeframe can vary approximately from 2 to 5 years from the time of initial approval.

Yours sincerely,

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