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PQ 59049/21

To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline primary care plans for CHO area 2; the progress to date on each project; the timeframe for delivery of each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Over the past 10 years, the HSE have developed and opened Primary Care Centres at the following locations in Community Healthcare West: Galway City East, Tuam, Loughrea, Athenry, Mountbellew, Inis Oirr, Cornamona, Castlebar, Westport, Ballinrobe, Claremorris, Ballina, Roscommon, Monksland, Strokestown, Boyle and Castlerea. The table below lists the locations where Primary Care Centres are currently being developed or planned.

Primary Care Centre	Update	Projected Operational Date
Moycullen	Project nearing completion of construction phase.	Q1, 2022*
Ballyhaunis	Building currently under construction.	Q3, 2022*
Portumna	Suitable building identified and Agreement for Lease complete. HSE engaging with architect to finalise floorplan. Re-development to commence thereafter.	Q4, 2022*
Inishmore	Schedule of Accommodation to develop a Primary Care Centre at Aras Ronan completed and approved. Condition Survey underway to establish the volume of work required on existing building.	Q4, 2022*
Swinford	Potential to redevelop buildings on the Aras Attracta campus to be utilised as a Primary Care Centre currently being explored.	Q4, 2022*
Ballaghaderreen	Planning permission granted. Agreement For Lease in progress. Estates finalising legal documentation with Developer.	Q1, 2023*

Inishbofin	Schedule of Accommodation and Brief completed. Estates progressing site acquisition. Planning and development to commence thereafter.	Q2, 2023*
Oranmore	Planning granted. Development to commence as soon as legalities agreed between HSE and Developer.	Q2, 2024*
Claregalway	Suitable site identified. Planning application submitted, decision due Jan 2022. Scale of development for final approval by the HSE Property Review Group.	Q2, 2024*
Oughterard	Invitation for priced offers (stage 3) to be circulated Jan 2022.	Q2, 2024*
Spiddal	Invitation for priced offers (stage 3) to be circulated Jan 2022.	Q2, 2024*
Gort	Invitation for priced offers (stage 3) to be circulated Jan 2022.	Q2, 2024*
Headford	Estates are currently reviewing expressions of interest received.	Q2, 2024*
Bangor Erris	Invitation for priced offers (stage 3) to be circulated mid 2022.	Q1, 2025*
Ballinasloe	Schedule of Accommodation completed and submitted to Estates for approval.	Q1, 2025*
Glenamaddy	Business case completed to support the need for a Primary Care Centre in Glenamaddy.	Q1, 2025*
Castlegar	Business case and Schedule of Accommodation to be completed Q1, 2022.	Q4, 2026*
Galway City West	Suitable site identified. HSE liaising with Developer to agree site layout and floorplan. Planning application to be submitted thereafter.	Q4, 2026*

The following table details planned developments to existing Primary Care Centres:

Primary Care Centre	Update	Projected Operational Date
Athenry	Proposal to lease additional accommodation in centre submitted to the HSE Property Review Group submitted.	Q2, 2022*
Roscommon	Proposal to lease additional accommodation in centre submitted to the HSE Property Review Group submitted.	Q2, 2022*
Galway City East Expansion	Planning decision due in December 2021. Legal documentation to be signed off by HSE and Landlord/Developer. Construction to commence thereafter.	Q2, 2023*
Tuam	Development of a Diagnostics Suite and Audiology Booth to commence in Q2, 2022. Business case to seek approval to extend the centre to be submitted Q1, 2022.	Q1, 2023 & Q1, 2025*
Ballina Expansion	Planning application for extension approved in October 2020. Scale of development for final approval by the HSE Property Review Group.	Q2, 2023*


Castlebar Expansion	Business Case, Schedule of Accommodation and Property Form to reflect additional requirements including Ambulatory Care Hub accommodation completed and submitted to HSE Property Review Group for final approval.	Q2, 2023*
Monksland	Business case to seek approval to extend the centre to be submitted Q1, 2022.	Q1, 2023*
Ballinrobe	Business case to seek approval to extend the centre to be submitted Q1, 2022.	Q1, 2025*
Westport	Business case to seek approval to extend the centre to be submitted Q1, 2022.	Q1, 2025*

**Dates identified for project completion and operation are subject to many factors and may vary. Factors that may impact on completion dates include national approval, COVID-19 restrictions, Brexit, supply chain issues etc.*

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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