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**PQ 43346/21**

**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.**

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

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

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

As outlined in my response to you dated 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (PQ 13518/21) and my response dated 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (HEA-MO-07436-2021), Tullow has been identified as one of the areas for the development of a new Primary Care Centre which will also serve the local communities in Hacketstown and Rathvilly. The new centre will provide a single point of access to a broad range of services including General Practitioner services, Public Health Nursing, Physiotherapy, Dental, Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Dietetics. There will also be capacity for visiting clinicians to hold sessional services i.e. Psychology, Chiropody, Counselling, Area Medical, chronic disease, etc.

In relation to this primary care centre, following an expression of interest, the HSE has identified a number of interested developers and the list of accommodation has been finalised. I mentioned in my last response that the development process should commence in Q4 2021 and I can confirm that this is still the timeline expected. While the exact location of the Primary Care is not confirmed, it will be based within the town boundaries for Tullow town.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeanne Hendrick', written in a cursive style.

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**Jeanne Hendrick**  
**A/Head of Service-Primary Care**  
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