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Mr. Seán Sherlock, T.D., Dáil Éireann, Dublin 2

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"To ask the Minister for Health the status of a project in Co Cork (details supplied)."

Details supplied: The Primary Health Care Centre in Cobh Co. Cork, and the breakdown of what services will be provided"

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare welcomes the development of Cobh Primary Care Centre which will facilitate the continued development of local integrated service provision for the population of Cobh and surrounding areas.

Cobh Primary Care Centre is being progressed in accordance with the national HSE policy for the development of Primary Care Centres and which requires the co-location of GPs and HSE staff. The development of the Primary Care Centre in Cobh will facilitate greater collaboration between local GPs and the HSE services.

It is anticipated that the practical completion of Cobh Primary Care Centre will be reached in quarter three of 2022 and then the commissioning and equipping process will begin.

GP services will be located there and HSE services which include Community Mental Health, Community Medical Doctors, Public Health and Community Nursing, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech & Language Therapy, Dietetics, Podiatry, Counselling in Primary Care and space will be available for additional visiting services such as diabetic retinopathy screening.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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