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Deputy Colm Burke,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 5000/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary care centres that have been developed to completion in 2019, 2020 and to 31 December 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**- Colm Burke**

Dear Deputy Burke,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 5000/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Primary Care Centres have a key role to play in delivering the vision for a reformed health service laid out in Sláintecare which is “the right care, in the right place, at the right time”. They facilitate the shift from acute care to primary care because of the range of multi-disciplinary services they can provide and the role they can play in keeping people who don't need to be in an acute setting out of hospital.

Please see the table below, which shows the number of new Primary Care Centres that became operational in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

<b>2019</b>	4
<b>2020</b>	9
<b>2021</b>	9

Please note that the total number of operational Primary Care Centres at the end of 2021 is 147.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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