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**PQ 40259/22\* To ask the Minister for Health the status of a project (details supplied: Upgrade of Mountrath Health Centre, Mountrath Co. Laois if the plans of the extension and works have been finalised, if planning permission is required and the estimated timescale to lodge the planning application and the estimated time for the project to be completed to include tendering and construction.); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Sean Fleming**

Dear Minister Fleming,

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.

A feasibility study was completed on the site of the existing Mountrath health centre to ascertain if the site was suitable for an extension to the existing building. Following the completion of the feasibility study of the site, it was decided to explore other options for the development of primary care services in this area. This is due to the fact that the site of the existing health centre at Mountrath has two right of way burdens on the folio, which restrict greatly the development potential of the site.

In light of the feasibility study findings, HSE Capital and Estates are presently exploring other site options, in the town which could accommodate the schedule of requirements for the delivery of primary care services in Mountrath, Co. Laois. Until a suitable site for the development is identified, it is not possible to provide an estimated timeline for the delivery of the facility inclusive of necessary planning and tendering processes.

Yours sincerely,

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