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PQ 40261/22* To ask the Minister for Health the status of a project (details supplied: Primary Care Centre, Portlaoise, Co. Laois if an update can be given on when this project was first identified as suitable to be on the grounds of St. Fintan's Hospital in Portlaoise and whether or not the plans have been drawn up to date, the situation regarding the planning permission and the estimated time for completion of this project which include tender construction and the total funding allocated for this project in the capital Budget.); 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.

The Portlaoise Primary Care Centre (PCC) is being delivered as a direct build project by the HSE on the grounds of St. Fintan's Hospital Campus. A capital submission was completed for the Portlaoise PCC project in 2019 and capital approval was granted to progress the design in 2020.

Stage 1 of the design process for Portlaoise PCC was completed at the end of 2021, and a Strategic Assessment Report is currently being finalised in line with Public Spending Code protocols. Subject to capital funding and stage gate approvals, the HSE intends to lodge an application for planning permission by early 2023. Assuming a grant of planning permission and the conclusion of the tender process without any unforeseen delays, it is anticipated that construction could commence in Quarter 2, 2024. An indicative construction programme for a project of the scale of Portlaoise Primary Care Centre is estimated to be 24-28 months.

An initial figure of €10m has been allocated for this project in the Capital Plan, this will be subject to the content and input from the Strategic Assessment Report which is currently being finalised.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul de Freine', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul de Freine
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