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Mr, Pádraig O'Sullivan T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 16562/22:

**"To ask the Minister for Health the opening date for a facility (details supplied) in County Cork; and the way the application process for jobs at this facility will be advertised."
Details supplied: PCC Fermoy - Facility - Primary Health Care facility. Mill Island Fermoy**

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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.

I wish to confirm that HSE Cork Kerry Community Healthcare has recently commenced the commissioning and equipping process which, as previously advised, may take a period of up to six months. At present, we are experiencing longer timeframes to secure some equipment owing to global supply chain challenges and therefore, it is difficult to identify an estimated completion date for this phase.

Following the completion of the commissioning and equipping process, the HSE will then be in a position to move on site to undertake a 'fit-out' of the centre. The final phase will then be undertaken which will include engagement with Staff and Trade Union representatives where necessary to support the redeployment of existing staff from various current work locations to the new centre in Fermoy.

The availability of the much needed new centre will also provide appropriate workplace accommodation for any additional Staff to be recruited to that service. Of note, a number of new positions have already been filled through the normal recruitment processes in place within the HSE in line with the Code of Practice governing appointments within the Public Sector.

I trust this clarifies the specific queries raised and if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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