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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

Re PQ-26443/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the proposed Dundalk primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Fergus O'Dowd

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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 have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

Approval to proceed with the Dundalk Primary Care Centre was granted by the Board of the HSE in line with the recommendation of the PRG. The design process with the developers architects and service users have delivered a set of layouts which will meet the requirements of Primary Care Services, Mental Health and Disability Services into the future. The developers Design Team are now in the process of preparing a planning application for submission to Louth County Council. That planning application is expected to be lodged by the end of June.

Primary Care

• Primary Care Teams which will provide services for Dundalk/North Louth

Mental Health

- 2 x General Adult Psychiatric Teams Currently based at Ladywell Centre, Dundalk
- 1 x Day Hospital Currently a Day Centre and based at Ladywell Centre, Dundalk
- Assertive Outreach team Currently based at Ladywell Centre, Dundalk.
- 1 x Psychiatry of Later Life Team Currently based at St. Brigids Hospital, Ardee



Disability Services – Currently accommodated in Mounthamilton House and Blackthorn Business Park.

- 0-18 Years North Louth Children's team including new Network Team Manager (30 staff)
- 18 plus years Adult teams ID and Physical and Sensory (20 staff)
- Administrative staff. (7 staff)
- Assistant Director of Nursing
- Occupational Guidance officer
- Respite Coordinator

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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