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To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the health centre in Newcastle, Clonmel, County Tipperary, which has been closed since Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGrath,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following outlines the current position.

Newcastle Health Centre closed during the Covid-19 pandemic in order to adhere to HSE and Government restrictions for infection control and Covid spread prevention. However, this building is old and requires a number of building upgrades to adhere to Health & Safety guidelines. These works are currently being considered.

In addition, a GP has a contract for a clinic based in Newcastle Health Centre two hours per week. Since the Covid-19 pandemic this weekly clinic has stopped. The Primary Care Unit have written to the GP to amend her contract to reflect this. Once the revised contract is in place a decision can be made regarding the future of the health centre.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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