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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

Re PQ Ref 42339/22

To ask the Minister for Health if he will seek details on the discussion from within the HSE to open a new primary care centre in Dunleer, County Louth given the significant population increase in the area; the details of premises in the area that would be suitable for the project that are already in HSE ownership; and the projected cost of such an addition; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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.

Residents from Dunleer and surrounding areas access Services in Boyne Primary Care Centre, Drogheda, Clogherhead and Ardee Primary Care Centres.

The services delivered from each Centre which they can access are as follows: -

Boyne Primary Care Centre

Speech & Language Services (Children)
Psychology
Ophthalmology
Podiatry

Clogherhead Primary Care Centre

Public Health Nursing Community Medical Doctors Speech & Language Therapy (Adults)

Ardee Primary Care Centre

Physiotherapy Occupational Therapy Dietetics



The Health Centre that is currently located in Dunleer has been closed for a number of years and in poor repair. When it was operating, only Public Health Nursing and Community Welfare services were provided from it.

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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