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Deputy Duncan Smith
Dáil Éireann
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“To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an overview of the strategic plans for a primary care centre and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Duncan Smith, TD

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The plan for Ballyboden Primary Care Centre is to deliver health and social care within the community, close to people's homes.

Primary Care delivers care and supports to people across the continuum of their lives, close to home, through a community-based approach and incorporates general practice, in addition to a wide range of diagnostic, treatment and support services including (in the case of Ballyboden Primary Care Centre) dental, nursing, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and social work services.

Primary Care serves as the foundation for the enhancement and reform of community services which will deliver a greater range and volume of integrated services, reducing the need for people to attend hospital and enabling older people to live supported lives in their communities for longer.

Enhancing community services is a fundamental reform priority for the HSE. Community Healthcare Networks (CHNs) will enable implementation of a population needs and stratification approach, which will enable better local decision making while communities will also be involved in determining the health needs of their local areas. Ballyboden Primary Care accommodates the Primary Care teams of Network 3 (Ballyboden & Knocklyon and surrounds).

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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