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RE: PQ17730/23

"To ask the Minister for Health when the Primary Care Centre project in Ballyhaunis was first approved; when the tendering process was opened and concluded; when the design phase was completed; when did construction initially commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Primary Care Centre is being delivered under the HSE's operational lease model. The expressions of interest from prospective landlords was advertised in December 2014. Following review of suitable sites and priced offer submissions, a letter of acceptance was issued to the successful landlord in August 2015. The agreement for lease was signed between the landlord and HSE in January 2018. The lease was subsequently novated to another landlord and the deed was signed in September 2019. Construction commenced in November 2019. The development was delayed a number of times up to May 2021 due to Covid and funding issues. Construction halted in May 2021 due to funding issues relating to increased costs from the main contractor. The landlord is committed to completion of the development pending resolution of funding. The HSE remains in continuing dialogue with the landlord, but are not currently in a position to provide a firm date for the recommencement of the construction works.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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