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Deputy John McGuinness T.D.  
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**PQ Reference Number 34960/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health if the status of an application to provide a primary care facility for Ballyhale, County Kilkenny; if the land which is available for the project will be purchased by the HSE; if not, if the GPs concerned will be funded to complete the purchase; and if he will outline the plans in this regard.**

Dear Deputy McGuinness

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.

*The matter has been reviewed by HSE Capital & Estates, and the following outlines the current position:*

There is currently no approval in place to progress a new primary care facility (including the purchase of any lands) for Ballyhale, County Kilkenny. The local HSE Primary Care Service has requested that additional space be provided at the Ballyhale Health Centre. However, the site constraints make this very difficult to achieve. A Capital Project (initiation) submission is being prepared for the next National Capital and Property Steering Committee meeting in September. Approval at this meeting is required in order to advance any new significant project.

It should be noted that a new Primary Care Centre (PCC) was opened last year in Thomastown; as this was identified as the preferred location for the PCC for the Thomastown/Ballyhale area.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ciarán Ruane', written over a horizontal line.

**Ciarán Ruane**  
**Estates Manager**  
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