



Mr Sean Fleming, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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27th July 2023

PQ 35425/23* To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding a primary care centre at a location (details supplied: New Primary Care Centre, Mountrath, Co. Laois and to confirm the site location and expected timeframe for this project.); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Sean Fleming

Dear Deputy Fleming,

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.

Further to the response to PQ 17089/23 issued on 3rd May, I can confirm that HSE Capital & Estates are progressing discussions with the Housing Agency who are engaging positively regarding the disposal to the HSE of a portion of a site in their ownership at Portlaoise Road, Mountrath, Co. Laois for the purpose of developing a Primary Care Centre.

A pre planning meeting has taken place with Laois County Council and the proposed use of the site for this purpose has been viewed favourably. A revised Schedule of Accommodation is being updated in conjunction with primary care service colleagues to ensure all planned needs have been captured.

To progress further, a due diligence exercise is being undertaken. The acquisition of the property will be progressed in line with DPER Circular 17/2016 Policy for Property Acquisition and for Disposal of Surplus Property.

Any disposal of the site to the HSE will be subject to the Housing Agency Board approval process together with Minister for Housing Ministerial Order, as well as compliance with the HSE Property Protocol.

Until the legalities associated with the site acquisition are completed, it is not possible to provide a more definitive update on the planned delivery of the proposed primary care centre at Mountrath Co. Laois.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul de Freine', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Paul de Freine
National Director
Capital & Estates