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11th August 2023

PQ 36875/23* To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No.55 of 1 June, 2023, the status of the development of a primary care centre on Inisbofin; the status of the land transfer process; the expected timeline for the completion of the land transfer and acquisition of the site; the progress to-date on the appointment of a design team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Catherine Connolly

Dear Deputy Connolly,

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.

As previously communicated, a number of property transactions are required to facilitate this development. These involve the transfer of land from Galway County Council to the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the subsequent transfer of a portion of that land from the Department of Rural and Community Development to the HSE for the purpose of a primary care centre.

Galway County Council have advised the HSE that the disposal of lands from Galway County Council to Department of Rural and Community Development was approved by Councillors at the June Plenary Council Meeting. Legal Agents for Galway County Council are progressing with this matter as swiftly as possible.

It will be possible to provide a more definitive timeframe for the acquisition of the site by the HSE when the legal processes associated with the transfer of the lands to Department of Rural and Community Development concludes.



In parallel with, and subject to land transfer activities, the HSE intend to progress the appointment a design team to advance this healthcare facility. The delivery of a primary care centre on Inisbofin remains a priority for the HSE, subject to resolution of site acquisitions as noted above, and the related matters of statutory approvals and availability of capital funding for the project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul de Freine', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul de Freine
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