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PQ 28396/23 To ask the Minister for Health if a pharmacy will be located in the new primary healthcare centre in Roscrea, County Tipperary; if so, if a contract has already been agreed with a provider; if the position has not yet been filled, if the position will be going to tender; if so, when; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jackie Cahill

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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.

Roscrea primary care centre (PCC) is being delivered via the HSE's Primary Care Centre Operational Lease mechanism. Under this method the HSE agrees to pay a quarterly rent and service charge to a developer/landlord for a 25 year lease period to provide and maintain a PCC laid out and finished to the requirements of the HSE. This arrangement is conditional on GPs also operating from the PCC, with the onus on the developer to ensure the presence of GPs.

The provision of a pharmacy is not a core requirement of the HSE. In this regard it would be a matter for a pharmacy operator to engage directly with the developer of the primary care centre to explore the option of locating a pharmacy there.

The new PCC is due to become operational in Q1 2024 and it is intended that the following HSE services will be delivered from the centre - Public Health Nursing / Community Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Speech & Language Therapy, Podiatry, Dental, Administrative services and HSE schemes. In addition, there will be a further visiting clinics to include Dietetics, Social Work, Ophthalmology and CAMHS.

Yours sincerely,

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