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**PQ 29598/23\* To ask the Minister for Health if he can confirm that the Health Service Executive is planning a new cancer unit and public health care centre for its site on Davitt Road; if the primary care centre is built on this site; if he can confirm that the current public health care centre on Curlew Road will remain in place; and if he can guarantee that the Mother McCauley Centre and all of its current services will remain in place at this site. -Aengus Ó Snodaigh**

Dear Deputy Ó Snodaigh,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE's Davitt Road site, with its pertinent adjacency to St. James's Hospital, is currently being considered as part of an overall St. James's Hospital Master Plan and Development Control Plan (DCP) which is being developed to establish the Hospitals future expansion to support current and future clinical needs. The DCP is being drafted by and led by St. James's Hospital, with inputs from a multi-disciplinary team, including Health Care Planners and with support from HSE. The Davitt Road site has clear capacity and potential to accommodate hospital out-patient, ambulatory and/or community care services. This is a current 'work in progress' that is yet to be finalised and brought forward for formal approval.

A design team has been appointed for the proposed Drimnagh Primary Care Centre, at Curlew Road, and the preliminary design (Stage 1) process is underway.

The proposed primary care centre at Curlew Road, Drimnagh, will accommodate the following services:

- Facilities for a primary care team, including addiction and older persons services;



- Three general practitioner suites;
- A day care centre for persons with Alzheimer illness;
- A community centre including a crèche.

The provision of accommodation for the Mother McCauley Centre will be catered for within the footprint of the new building.

Capital approval has been allocated to complete a Strategic Assessment Report (SAR), and a consultant is currently being appointed to complete a SAR for Drimnagh Primary Care Centre.

All capital development proposals must progress through a number of approval stages, in line with the Public Spending Code, including detailed appraisal, planning, design and procurement in line with approved funding allocations. The successful completion of the various approval stages will determine the timeline for delivery of this project. It is therefore not possible to provide a timeline for construction or operation of the facility at this point in time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul de Freine', written over a horizontal line.

**Paul de Freine**  
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