

12th February, 2024

Mr. David Stanton, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 49075/23**

**"To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on plans to develop a primary care centre and day care centre in Youghal, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter."**

Dear Deputy Stanton,

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.

The various stages involved in the development of a Primary Care Centre from inception to opening are as follows:

1. Expressions of interest sought
2. Expressions of interest reviewed/assessed and Stage 2/Stage 3 processes completed to determine the full details of proposed developments.
3. Stage 3 Applications assessed and preferred option identified
4. Application to HSE Property Committee to approve
5. Once approved by HSE Property Committee, depending on value of overall lease, application to HSE Board to approve
6. Letter of intent to proceed issued
7. Consultation with staff re layout and proposed layouts agreed with Developer
8. Planning permission sought
9. Legal agreements finalised (Lease/Service Level Agreement)
10. Consultation with staff re detailed design/room layouts
11. Build commences
12. Handover to HSE
13. Commissioning of building by CC Service i.e. equipping, services, IT etc.
14. Phased opening

The HSE have assessed Stage 3 proposals received from developers for the provision of a Primary Care Centre in Youghal and a preferred proposal has been identified. This proposal is currently progressing through the various steps in line with the HSE property protocol in order to receive final approval.

There are no plans for a Day Care Centre in Youghal however access to the Day Care Centre in Midleton continues to be available to individuals in Youghal by contacting the local Public Health Nursing Department, Youghal Health Centre, Unit 4a Millennium Court Foxhole – 024 82512. There is a waiting list in operation for this service with an assessment carried out by the PHN (Public Health Nurse) for same.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Priscilla Lynch', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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**Priscilla Lynch**  
**Head of Service - Primary Care,**  
**Cork Kerry Community Healthcare**