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Mr. Michael Healy Rae, T.D., Dáil Éireann, Dublin 2

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"To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the HSE's position with regard to the development of a primary medical care centre in Caherciveen; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Healy Rae,

The Health Service Executive have 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 HSE are keen to progress with the provision of a Primary Care Centre in South Kerry/Ivereagh region of Caherciveen and held a number of discussions, on a without prejudice basis, with the proposed developer of the Primary Care Centre following the Developer's request for an increase in the originally agreed rent/service level agreement rates for the proposed PCC development at Caherciveen. This is also the case for several proposed PCC developments across the country.

As a result of the number of these situations arising, HSE are conducting a review of the overall PCC Operational Lease model, including a review of options available from a legal perspective to advance the proposed developments. This review is currently being undertaken by HSE and is due to be completed shortly. On completion of this review, HSE will issue further communication to the relevant PCC Developers to confirm HSE's position regarding the advancement of applicable PCC developments.

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

Yours sincerely

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