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**PQ 39715/23\*To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that funding is provided for the expansion of the Ballyhale Health Centre, County Kilkenny, as a matter of urgency, given the demand on the practice for services and the increase in population in the catchment area of the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -John McGuinness**

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

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 initiation of the project to examine the expansion of Ballyhale Health Centre, County Kilkenny, was approved by the National Capital & Property Steering Group on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

This project will now progress through the Capital Plan 2024 prioritization process. In this regard, the Capital & Estates department will commence the preparation of a full capital submission, including an options appraisal of the most suitable approach to expansion of the existing premises. Following this, a decision on funding will be made.

Yours sincerely,

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