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RE: PQ 41070/23

"To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of x-ray facilities at Tuam primary care center; when work will commence and when the facility will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy Canney

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Tuam Diagnostic Service is being developed in conjunction with Portiuncula University Hospital, Ballinasloe, Saolta University Health Care Group, Primary Care Services, Community Healthcare West and HSE Capital & Estates.

Construction of the X-ray facilities at Tuam Primary Care Centre commenced in Q3 2023. The construction works are currently programmed for completion in Q2 / Q3 2024 and will be operational shortly thereafter. GPs in the surrounding Primary Care Team areas can currently refer directly for Ultrasound service to Tuam PCC. It is a universal service available for all patients. This service will be co-located with x ray in the Diagnostics Unit under construction.

National Primary Care has invested in staff, equipment and capital funding for the development of a Diagnostic Unit in Tuam PCC. Currently Ultrasound is delivered by three CS Ultra Sonographers, a radiology assistant and the service has administration support. A Clinical Specialist Radiographer has been recruited for the delivery of the X-ray service.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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