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To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the current rationale for amalgamating the Maynooth and Leixlip primary care centres plans; if consideration has been given to developing centres in both locations; and if not, if he will outline the rationale for same.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm that significant consideration has been given to developing primary care centres for both Maynooth and Leixlip. A number of site locations have been explored with HSE Capital & Estates for the Maynooth area since 2015, with no success. The HSE had previously applied for planning permission to develop a Primary Care Centre on the site of the current Health Centre in Maynooth, which was not approved. A feasibility analysis in January 2023 concluded that the lack of a suitable and available site in Maynooth and the resultant delays were of increasing disadvantage to the population.

Following this, there was a proposal to build a larger primary care centre to accommodate both Maynooth, Leixlip and the surrounding areas in Leixlip. This larger centre would provide for various Community Health Services and include specialist services such as Chronic Disease Management, paediatric multi-disciplinary teams, and the Integrated Care team for Older Persons. As part of this plan, Maynooth Health Centre will continue to provide services to the local area as a satellite unit. A schedule of accommodation for this larger primary care centre is presently being finalised with a view to delivering the centre by way of the HSE's operational leasehold model.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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