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Dear Deputy Rose Conway-Walsh TD
Leinster House
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RE: PQ 8177/24

"To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the Ballyhaunis Primary Care Centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy Rose Conway Walsh

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 in Primary Care.

The development is currently on hold as the developer has confirmed that the original rates in the lease agreement are now not economically viable due to increased construction costs from materials and trades. The HSE has been assessing this issue on a national basis and all options are being explored including rate uplifts, withdrawing the current agreement and re-advertising of the development. Re-advertising would permit the developer to resubmit a tender at higher rates and progress the development; the developer has been made aware of this possibility. Once the above assessment is concluded and agreed, a programme for recommencement to completion will be confirmed.

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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