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## PQ 9578/24\* To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No, 1922 of 11 September 2023, the status of the proposed primary care centre for Galway City West; the expected timeline for the delivery of the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Catherine Connolly

Dear Deputy Connolly,

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 response.

It is proposed that Galway City West primary care centre will be procured by the operational lease model. As previously communicated by way of response to Parliamentary Questions, an application for planning permission for the proposed primary care centre at Galway City West was lodged with Galway County Council in December 2022.

Two requests for further information on the planning application were issued by Galway County Council. The second request for further material was responded to by the developer at the end of August 2023. The decision was made by Galway City Council to grant planning on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023. There was the subsequent four week appeal period before the final decision in respect of this planning application was due to be issued.



The development was appealed to An Bord Pleanala in October 2023. The decision from An Bord Pleanala was due on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 however this remains a live case (the board has cited a backlog of cases causing delays). No update on a proposed decision has been received from the developer as yet.

Yours sincerely

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