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PQ 1973/24 – *“To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of a primary care centre for Swords; and if he will make a statement on the matter”* – **Duncan Smith TD**

Dear Deputy Smith

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

The provision of a new Primary Care Centre in Swords is a priority for the HSE and is at an advanced stage of negotiation via the HSE’s Primary Care Operational Lease Mechanism. Planning has been granted for a site in the Airside region of Swords, north of the R125 road. The site can be viewed at <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/306690> - Planning reference: F19A/0386.

The preferred provider for the new centre in Swords has indicated a potential issue regarding the economic viability of the project. Subsequently, engagement has taken place on a *“without prejudice”* basis with the provider, in order to understand the nature and extent of same.

However, should the preferred provider be unable to proceed the HSE will be exploring all options to deliver a new Primary Care Centre in the area.

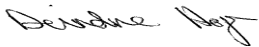
Currently, there are three centres offering HSE services to the population of Swords and its surrounding area:

- The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) is based on the 3rd Floor South Colonnade, The Plaza, Swords.
- The Children’s Disability Network Team (CDNT) provide services from Unit 2, Swords Business Campus, Balheary Road, Swords.
- Swords Health Centre, Bridge St, Swords currently offers the following Adult and Paediatric services:
 - Addiction Services
 - Adult Mental Health
 - Community Medical Doctor
 - D-DOC
 - Dental
 - Dietetics
 - Nursing
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Physiotherapy

- Psychology
- Rotunda Community clinics
- Smoking cessation
- Social Work
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Women's Aid

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

Yours sincerely,



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