

7th August 2024

Mr. Pádraig O'Sullivan T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 30929/24

"To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the delivery of a primary care centre for Glanmire, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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.

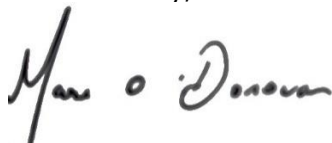
The establishment of robust primary care centre infrastructure in specific geographical areas is crucial for providing integrated care. These centres serve as the cornerstone of the healthcare system, facilitating seamless coordination among various healthcare services. By situating primary care centres within the communities they serve, we can ensure that patients have convenient access to comprehensive care, encompassing preventive, curative, and rehabilitative services. This localised approach not only enhances patient outcomes as directed in Slaintecare through timely and effective interventions but also fosters strong patient-provider relationships, promoting continuity of care. Moreover, well-equipped primary care centres can alleviate the burden on tertiary healthcare facilities by addressing health issues at an early stage, ultimately contributing to a more efficient and sustainable healthcare system.

I wish to confirm that HSE Capital and Estates have met with the Developer who has confirmed that a revised Planning Application for this facility is due to be submitted this week.

HSE Capital and Estates will continue to follow up pending and post planning approval with respect to the next steps for progression.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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