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PQ 19545/24* To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 164 of 28 February 2024, the status of the proposed primary care centre for Galway city; 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 for 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 by the successful bidder. The decision was made by Galway City Council to grant planning on 21st 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 20th February 2024 however this remains a live case (the board has cited a backlog of cases causing delays). A decision on the planning permission is therefore still awaited.

The HSE is currently engaging with the developer to determine the impact of time the planning permission process is taking for this project.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian O'Connell".

Brian O'Connell
Interim National Director
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