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PQ 39011/24 – “To ask the Minister for Health for an update on progress to develop community healthcare options in Swords, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter” - Alan Farrell TD

Dear Deputy Farrell,

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.

The provision of a new Primary Care Centre in Swords is a priority for the HSE and was at an advanced stage of negotiation via the HSE's Primary Care Operational Lease Mechanism. Planning was 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 indicated a potential issue regarding the economic viability of the project. In the context of concerns raised nationally, a review of the Operational Lease Model was undertaken. Based on the Operational Lease Model review, recommendations which were underpinned by legal advice emerged. The HSE requested the developer to confirm if they would proceed in accordance with the terms of their priced offer.

The developer has now confirmed they are not in a position to deliver the Primary Care Centre on the agreed terms. The HSE is now pursuing alternative options to deliver a new Primary Care Centre in the area, including potential site acquisitions for a development or re-advertisement via the Operational Lease Model.

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

- Swords Health Centre, Bridge St, Swords currently offers the following Adult and Paediatric services:
 - Addiction Services
 - Adult Mental Health
 - Community Medical Doctor
 - DDOC
 - Dental
 - Dietetics
 - Nursing
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Physiotherapy
 - Psychology
 - Rotunda Community clinics
 - Smoking cessation
 - Social Work
 - Speech and Language Therapy
 - Women's Aid

- 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.

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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