



Mr Sean Fleming, TD,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**PQ 17730/25\* To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding a new primary care centre at a location (details supplied: New Primary Care Centre at Rathdowney, Co. Laois); when work will commence at this centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Seán Fleming**

Dear Deputy Fleming,

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 intended that the Primary Care Centre in Rathdowney, Co. Laois will be delivered via the HSE operational lease mechanism.

In 2024, the HSE sought Expressions of Interest from the open market for the provision of a Primary Care Centre in Rathdowney with a closing date in Q3, 2024. Upon the completion of Stage 2 of the tender process in December 2024, a number of valid tender submissions were received.

The HSE is currently working through the tender assessments and internal approvals process. Once the process is complete and all approvals are received, the successful tenderer will be notified which would allow for progression through the design and planning stages in 2025.

The delivery of Primary Care Centres are subject to a number of external factors which are outside of our control such as statutory approvals, for example grant of planning permission, therefore the HSE is not in a position to provide the timeframe for when works could commence on this Primary Care Centre at this early stage of the process.

Yours sincerely

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