

18th February, 2025

Mr. James O'Connor, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 3659/25

"To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the position of a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter".

Details supplied: Primary Care Centre, Youghal

Dear Deputy O'Connor,

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 new primary care centre is fundamental to the delivery of service reforms set out in "Slaintecare" and the roll-out of the new Regional Health Authority's in Network 6, thus is a key priority for the HSE in 2024 and beyond. It will assist in the provision of safe and effective health and social care services in Youghal and will improve our health service and the health and wellbeing of the people living in Youghal by providing the "right care, in the right place, at the right time". It will support service users to live well and feel connected to their community. This empowerment in turn will assist service users to live independent lives in their own homes in Youghal. The co-location of services will also assist disciplines to provide person centred and optimal care for service users, families and the public in a way that is integrated and coordinated, thus instilling trust and confidence in the organisation.

The Primary Care Centre in Youghal was granted planning permission in Q4 2024. Applications for Fire Certification and Disability Access Certification (DAC) were lodged in Q1 2025. HSE Capital and Estates, are currently completing the formal contractual agreements under the operational lease model with the Developer.

The services provided by Primary Care include Podiatry, Vision Testing, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Public Health Nursing Services, Area Medical Officer and Dental Services and it is planned that Youghal Primary Care Centre will have all of these services available to the people in Youghal. In addition to these services, Children Disability Network Team (CDNT), Home Support Outreach and Mental Health Services and will also be provided in the Primary Care Centre.

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

Yours sincerely,

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