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**Deputy Ryan O'Meara**  
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**PQ 34754/25 – “To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the Primary Care Centre in Nenagh; when it will be completed; the services that will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter”.**

Dear Deputy O'Meara,

I can advise that the Primary Care Centre in Nenagh, Co. Tipperary is scheduled to become fully operational in Quarter 1, 2026. The Primary Care Centre will serve a population of 22,500 in Nenagh and the surrounding areas. The following Primary Care Services will be provided by the HSE from the Primary Care Centre:

- Public Health Nursing: PHN Wound Management Clinics/Child Welfare Clinics/Child Health Clinics/School Screening Service
- Community Medical Doctor Clinics
- Community Intervention Team (CIT)
- Ophthalmology Services
- Audiology Service
- Dental Services
- Speech and Language Therapy Service
- Occupational Therapy Service (Adult & Paediatric)
- Physiotherapy Service (Adult & Paediatric)
- Podiatry Service
- Psychology Service
- Dietetics Service
- Social Work Service
- Chronic Disease Services encompassing Podiatry Services, Nurse led Clinics, Cardiac Rehab Programmes, Pulmonary Rehab Programmes, Diabetes Education Programmes



### **Enhanced Community Care (ECC) Services at Nenagh Primary Care Centre**

The ECC Community Healthcare Network Team for North Tipperary will have 22 staff moving to the new Primary Care Centre when it becomes operational. The Network Team includes clinicians from the following disciplines: Podiatry, Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language, Physiotherapy and Primary Care Social Work working together in Multi-Disciplinary Teams with their GP and nursing colleagues based in the Primary Care Centre.

Co-location of the ECC Community Healthcare Network Team in the Primary Care Centre will facilitate collaborative interprofessional service delivery to the population of Nenagh town and the surrounding areas. The Primary Care Centre will be the Hub for Paediatric Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy Services in the Nenagh area with two purpose built Gymnasiums for use by these services. The enhanced facilities will also allow for the provision of group education and exercise classes in the large meeting rooms and gymnasium facilities within the Primary Care Centre.

### **ECC – Chronic Disease Management Clinical Specialist Team**

The Nenagh Primary Care Centre has been designed to incorporate the Clinical Specialist Team for Chronic Disease Management. This Team includes the following specialist services:

1. **Diabetes Team:** Clinical Nurse Specialists who provide nurse-led care for patients with Type 2 Diabetes referred by their General Practitioners (GPs). This is supported by Dietitians delivering Self-Management Education Programmes such as Discover Diabetes and offering individual consultations. Podiatry services will also be provided for the treatment and prevention of diabetes-related foot complications. As staffing allows, Diabetes services will expand to include Diabetes Prevention, Weight Management and Consultant led Clinics.
2. **Respiratory Team:** Physiotherapists will deliver Pulmonary Rehabilitation Programmes and provide access to Respiratory Optimisation Clinics for GPs in North Tipperary and East Limerick. The development of future respiratory services including Consultant and Nurse led Respiratory Services will be subject to staff recruitment.
3. **Cardiology Team:** services will include Clinical Nurse Specialist-led Clinics, Cardiac Rehabilitation Programmes and direct GP access to Echocardiography Diagnostics.

The Primary Care Centre will have a number of bookable treatment rooms available to community and hospital services for the provision of clinics in Nenagh. The following services will relocate their clinics to the Primary Care Centre when it becomes operational:

- Diabetic Retinopathy Screening (8 clinics per month)
- Counselling in Primary Care (weekly)



- Consultant led Paediatric Clinics (twice monthly)
- Womens' Health Clinic (3 days per week)
- Parkinsons' Support Group Sessions (twice per month)
- Breastfeeding Clinic (weekly)

Other HSE services such as Mental Health Services, Disabilities Services, can also avail of these bookable treatment rooms, maximizing the occupancy and use of the facilities available.

Yours sincerely,

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