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Mr. John Paul O'Shea, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 9751/25

"To ask the Minister for Health for an update on plans to open more primary care centres in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy O'Shea,

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 various stages involved in the development of a Primary Care Centre from inception to opening are as follows:

1. Expressions of interest sought
2. Expressions of interest reviewed/assessed and Stage 2/Stage 3 processes completed to determine the full details of proposed developments.
3. Stage 3 Applications assessed and preferred option identified
4. Application to HSE Property Committee to approve
5. Once approved by HSE Property Committee, depending on value of overall lease, application to HSE Board to approve
6. Letter of intent to proceed issued
7. Consultation with staff re layout and proposed layouts agreed with Developer
8. Planning permission sought
9. Legal agreements finalised (Lease/Service Level Agreement)
10. Consultation with staff re detailed design/room layouts
11. Build commences
12. Handover to HSE
13. Commissioning of building by CC Service i.e. equipping, services, IT etc.
14. Phased opening

The table below outlines the current status and projected delivery date:

Primary Care Centres Cork	Status March 2025	Projected Delivery Date
Bishopstown	Planning granted, Agreement for Lease (AFL) and Service Level Agreement (SLA) in progress	Q2 2027
Blarney	E-tender submissions under review	Q1 2027
Douglas	Planning lodged, Request for Information (RFI) requested from Cork Council (CC), reports near completion on same.	Q2 2027
Glanmire	Planning refused, appeal lodged to An Bord Pleanala	Q2 2028

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Kanturk	To be retendered	Q3 2027
Mayfield/Ballyvolane	Planning application submitted, decision awaited	Q3 2027
Midleton	Planning lodged, Request for Information (RFI) requested from Cork Council (CC),, reports near completion on same.	Q2 2027
Millstreet	Under Service review	
Togher	To be retendered	Q1 2028
Youghal	Planning granted, Agreement for Lease (AFL) and Service Level Agreement (SLA) in progress	Q1 2027

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

Yours sincerely,

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