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***Re: PQ 21936/25 – To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update regarding the location of a primary care centre (details Supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.***

- *Will it be Brand Central (Old shopping centre) or John Cahill's site near Catholic Church or another location in Rathdowney, Laois?*

Dear Deputy Aird,

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 outline the position as follows.

In 2024, the HSE sought Expressions of Interest from the open market for the provision of a Primary Care Centre in Rathdowney, Co. Laois with a closing date in Q3 2024. There were 4 qualifying bidders that progressed through to Stage 2 when fully priced tender submissions were requested.

Upon the completion of Stage 2 in Dec '24, there were 2 valid tender submissions. The HSE are currently working through the tender assessments, options appraisals and internal approvals process. Once the process is complete and all internal approvals and funding are received, the winning tenderer will be notified.

I trust the above is in order, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,



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