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PQ 23790/25 To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the planned new Primary Care Centre for Gorey, County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Byrne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response.

The need for a new Primary Care Centre in Gorey, Co. Wexford had been identified previously. A tender process had been undertaken, and a Preferred Provider had been selected. Unfortunately, the selected Preferred Provider encountered difficulties regarding the economic viability of the proposed project, resulting in the cessation of this process.

Consequently, the HSE recently re-advertised Gorey Primary Care Centre on the E-tenders Procurement Platform with a Prior Information Notice (PIN) in Quarter 4 2024.

The PIN is seeking expressions of interest from interested parties, to enter into the two step procurement process, in delivering a Primary Care Centre via the HSE's Operational Lease.

To facilitate the re-advertisement of this Primary Care Centre, a full review of the current and future service needs was undertaken with relevant stakeholders. There are a number of stakeholders and services who require accommodation in the new proposed Primary Care Centre and a scope was identified based on all updated service requirements and a draft Schedule of Accommodation finalised.

Consequent to receiving the draft schedule of accommodation, a challenge function was undertaken within the HSE consisting of robust internal reviews and meetings with the respective Heads of Services. This process is being informed by utilisation data from other PCCs and is intended to maximise the efficiency of the proposed floor area of the development; to align with the recently confirmed approved staffing numbers - therefore, ensuring the proposed development will present value for money.

It is expected that this exercise will conclude fully by the end of May 2025; subsequently, allowing Capital and Estates to proceed to securing approval to tender. Following approval to tender, the HSE will then progress with the remainder of the tender process commencing with an advertisement on E-Tenders Procurement Platform by end of Quarter 2, 2025. Once this advertisement has been published on the E-Tenders Procurement Platform all information related to the tender will be freely available on the platform.



To provide a sense of activity on the project since December 2024, HSE Capital and Estates have reviewed the project and can confirm that we have had several meetings/points of contact with Service colleagues in relation to completing the Schedule of Accommodation, WTE and revenue cost estimates.

The next steps on the project are outlined as follows (All subject to successful tender returns):

- **03/06/2025 - Property Review Group Meeting to review and approve tender issue.**

Assuming approval to issue tender:

- 04/06/2025 - Issue Stage 1 tender on Etenders
- 23/07/2025 - Stage 1 Tender Return (6 weeks)
- 30/07/2025 - Stage 1 Tender Assessment (1 week)
- 24/09/2025 - Stage 2 Invitation to Tender on Etenders (10 Weeks)
- 22/10/2025 - Stage 2 Tender Assessment Complete (4 week)
- Issue to Board for Approval (TBC).
- Appoint Contractor 2026

I trust this of assistance. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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