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Mr. Michael Cahill., T.D.,
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"To ask the Minister for Health to give a detailed progress report in regard to the new Killarney Primary Care Centre; the delivery timeline for this long awaited project for the people of Killarney, east and mid Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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.

There is a huge need for the provision of a Primary Care Centre in Killarney. There has been a number of previous attempts to provide a Primary Care Centre facility in Killarney, with little positive results on same. The provision of a Primary Care Centre on the grounds of Áras Phádraig site is a joint venture planning application with Kerry County Council. Both HSE and Kerry County Council officials are of the opinion that the provision of the Theatre and a Primary Care Centre on the same site in an urban setting will be complementary to each development, from a planning and sustainability view point.

Kerry County Council have taken the decision to re-apply for planning permission for the this development via a part 8 application. It is currently anticipated that, following on from the final grant of planning permission, the Primary Care Centre will be delivered within a 3 year time period.

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

Yours sincerely,

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