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Deputy Michael Cahill, TD
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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“To ask the Minister for Health the actions that will be taken with the long overdue Killarney primary care centre following the recent decision to abandon the Áras Phádraig site in Killarney town; if the development of an interim primary care centre on the grounds of the old Saint Finan's hospital will now be proceeded with as a permanent primary care centre for the residents of Killarney and east Kerry, and visitors to the region; 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.

The Health Service Executive (HSE) fully recognises the ongoing need for a Primary Care Centre in Killarney, particularly following the setback related to the planning application for the Áras Phádraig site. To mitigate further risk and to ensure the long-term sustainability and optimal location of this essential facility, the HSE has commenced a detailed feasibility study of the Columbanus Hospital and District Hospital sites in Killarney.

This assessment is essential to ascertain the most aligned and cost-effective solution on HSE lands with a view to building a purpose-built permanent solution for the Primary Care Centre that is fully integrated into the community healthcare network, thereby establishing a clear pathway for the project's progression.

The HSE remains fully committed to the strategic development of local services in Killarney.

Yours sincerely,

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