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Mr. Séamus McGrath, T.D.,
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"To ask the Minister for Health the plans for the development of a primary care health centre at a location (details supplied); the steps in the process; when she expects the primary care health centre to be developed; and if she will make a statement on the matter."

Details supplied: Bishopstown, Cork

Dear Deputy McGrath,

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.

Bishopstown Primary Care Centre (PCC) is being developed via the HSE Primary Care Centre Operational Lease Model. 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 under agreed criteria 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 sent to the HSE Board to approve
6. Letter of intent to proceed issued to developer
7. Consultation with staff re: layout and proposed layouts agreed with Developer
8. Planning permission sought (granted January 2025)
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

Bishopstown Primary Care Centre are currently at point 9 and 10, with the respective legal teams finalising the statutory legal documents and Capital and Estates working with all services to review the design plans. The current projected delivery of the Primary Care Centre is Q4 2027.

The expected primary care services located in Bishopstown Primary Care Centre are as follows:

1. Public Health Nursing (wound management, vaccination clinics, mother and baby clinics)
2. Community Medical Doctors
3. Physiotherapy
4. Occupational Therapy
5. Dietetics
6. Podiatry
7. Speech and Language

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8. Adult Mental Health
9. Dental (standard and specialised for intellectual disability patients)
10. Regional Seating Clinic
11. Home Support Service

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

Yours sincerely,

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