

13th February, 2024

Mr. Thomas Gould., T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 54827/23

"To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of primary care centres in Blarney, Mayfield and Glanmire."

Dear Deputy Gould,

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.

Blarney:

The HSE were engaged with a developer for this proposed Primary Care Centre and Cork County Council had granted planning permission for the proposed centre. The planning decision was appealed to An Bord Pleanála, who upheld the planning decision, however this decision was then appealed to the High Court. An Bord Pleanála have decided not to issue a defence at the High Court with the result that the Planning Permission will be void, resulting in a significant setback for the proposed project. The HSE is considering its options. An option may be re-advertising Expressions of Interest for the development of a PCC in Blarney.

Mayfield:

Following a process where submissions were requested from developers for the development of a Primary Care Centre in the Mayfield area, a preferred solution was identified and Successful/Unsuccessful letter issued to all developers that submitted proposals in October 2022. Subsequently, one of the unsuccessful developers queried aspects of the assessment of the submissions and wrote to the HSE requesting further information and a review of the process. Following this review, the developer received further correspondence responding to the queries which they had raised. The identified preferred solution has received approval to proceed and a Letter of Intent issued to a Developer in October 2023. Engagement between HSE legal representatives and the developers legal representatives is continuing to address pre-lease enquiries and agree the draft Agreement for Lease and Service Level Agreement for the proposed property transaction. Subject to legals concluding appropriately, we would expect the PCC to advance to planning in Q2 2024.

Glanmire:

Following a process where submissions were requested from developers for the development of a Primary Care Centre in the Glanmire area, a preferred solution was identified and a Letter of Intent issued to a developer in April 2023. Engagement between HSE legal representatives and the developers legal representatives is continuing to address pre-lease enquiries and agree the draft Agreement for Lease and Service Level Agreement for the proposed property transaction. The site has been secured by the preferred developer and preliminary drawings for planning applications are advancing. HSE would expect the developer to advance to planning later in Q1 or Q2 2024.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Priscilla Lynch', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

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