Ms Catherine Connolly, TD,
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Leinster House,
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PQ 48437/23*To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1046 of 20 September 2023, the status of the development of a primary care centre on Inisbofin; the status of the land transfer and if it has concluded to date; the expected timeline for the development of the primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Catherine Connolly

Dear Deputy Connolly,

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. Due to the recent industrial action by management and administrative grade staff in Forsa union in the HSE, there were delays in the processing and answering of Parliamentary Questions.   We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

As previously communicated, a number of property transactions are required to facilitate this development. These involve the transfer of land from Galway County Council to the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the subsequent transfer of a portion of that land from the Department of Rural and Community Development to the HSE for the purpose of a primary care centre.

It will be possible to provide a more definitive timeframe for the acquisition of the site and the development of a primary care centre by the HSE when the legal processes associated with the transfer of the lands from the Department of Rural and Community Development to the HSE concludes.

Yours sincerely,

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