

20th March, 2024

Mr. Colm Burke, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 9690/24

"To ask the Minister for Health the up to date position in respect of the delivery of a primary care centre for the Blarney area, in view of the fact that there has been a substantial increase in the population in the past 15 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Burke,

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.

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 on the matter. One option may be re-advertising Expressions of Interest for the development of a PCC in Blarney.

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

Yours sincerely,



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