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Deputy Seán Sherlock T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

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**"To ask the Minister for Health if a location and funding will be provided for a primary care centre in Ballyvolane, Cork."**

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The establishment of robust primary care centre infrastructure in specific geographical areas is crucial for providing integrated care. These centres serve as the cornerstone of the healthcare system, facilitating seamless coordination among various healthcare services. By situating primary care centres within the communities they serve, we can ensure that patients have convenient access to comprehensive care, encompassing preventive, curative, and rehabilitative services. This localised approach not only enhances patient outcomes as directed in Slaintecare through timely and effective interventions but also fosters strong patient-provider relationships, promoting continuity of care. Moreover, well-equipped primary care centres can alleviate the burden on tertiary healthcare facilities by addressing health issues at an early stage, ultimately contributing to a more efficient and sustainable healthcare system.

Our HSE Estates Department have confirmed that the Mayfield / Ballyvolane Primary Care Centre is due to be delivered using the leased model format. The provision of this facility has been tendered and both a provider and site has been identified. HSE Estates have met with the developer who has confirmed that it is their intention to lodge a Planning Application for this facility on or before the 15th of August 2024.

HSE Capital and Estates will continue to follow up pending and post planning approval with respect to the next steps for progression.

I trust this clarifies the present situation. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to revert.

Yours sincerely,

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