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Deputy Charles Flanagan T.D., Leinster House Kildare St Dublin 2

Re: PQ 31152/24 - To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 328 of 05<sup>th</sup> October 2023, if he will provide an update on the provision for a new Primary Care Centre in Rathdowney, Co. Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Flanagan,

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. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

The HSE initiated an Expressions of Interest (EOI) competition for the provision of a Primary Care Centre in Rathdowney, Co. Laois which has just concluded. Following an assessment of the received submissions, the qualifying bidders will be invited to tender with the aim of having a preferred bidder in place by Q4 2024 and progressing with detailed design.

I trust the above is in order, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Ruane

**Head of Primary Care Services** 

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