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To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the status of a Primary Care Centre in Tullow; if the HSE intends to incorporate existing provision of therapists into a new centre or create a recruitment drive; if the HSE has met with local practitioners regarding a new Primary Care Centre and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murnane O' Connor,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

The provision of a new Primary Care Centre in Tullow Co. Carlow is being delivered via the HSE Primary Care Centre Operational Lease Model. The HSE can confirm that a Letter of Intent was issued to the preferred provider and this matter has now proceeded to the next stage. It is anticipated an application for planning permission for the Primary Care Centre will be lodged in Q3 2024.

It is the intention of the HSE to incorporate the existing provision of therapists into the new Primary Care Centre in Tullow. The participation and involvement of General Practitioners within Primary Care Centres delivered under the HSE Operational Lease Model is the responsibility of the preferred provider/developer. I wish to confirm that the HSE have not met with General Practitioners to date.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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