

Ms Pauline Tully, TD Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street Dublin 2

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PQ 45012/24*To ask the Minister for Health the new primary care centres currently undergoing construction within CHO1; the services that will be provided at each centre when opened; and the estimated timeframe when each of the new centres will be opened, in tabular form. -Pauline Tully

Dear Deputy Tully,

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.

By way of background, in 2001 the Department of Health published its strategy for the development of primary care services, "Primary Care - A new Direction", a key objective of which was the establishment of 'locally accessible Primary Care Centres that allow many of the services being delivered to be made available on a single site, providing a single point of access for the user and encouraging closer coordination between providers'. To date the HSE have delivered 177 Primary Care Centres via 3 different mechanisms;

- Operational Lease Model
- HSE Direct Build
- PPP Initiative

There are two Primary Care Centres currently undergoing construction within the Community Healthcare Organisation 1, the details of which are captured in the table below.



Location	Delivery	Current Status	Services due to be provided
	Mechanism		
Dunfanaghy/	Operational	Construction is	GP Practice
Falcarragh	Lease	complete.	Physiotherapy
		Primary Care	Occupational Therapy
		Centre is due	Public Health Nurse
		operational in	Home Help
		Q4 2024	Dental
			Ambulance (Deployment Point)
			Visiting Clinics for :
			Speech & Language
			Dietetics
			Social Work
			Psychology
Ballybay	Operational	Primary Care	GP Services (External to HSE)
	Lease	Centre is in	Public Health Nursing
		Construction.	Occupational Therapy
		Due Operational	Physiotherapy
		Q1 2026	Speech and Language Therapy
			Administration
			Other services that are proposed for this
			location are:
			Community Intervention Nursing
			Psychology
			Dietetics
			Social Works
			Smoking Cessation
			HSE Counselling Services

Capital & Estates continue to work with Primary Care Services in CHO 1 in developing an additional number of Primary Care Centres to support delivery of health care needs into the future.

Yours sincerely

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