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PQ 45990/24* To ask the Minister for Health the updated position regarding a new health centre for Mountrath, County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Sean Fleming

Dear Deputy Fleming,

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.

A previous site owned by the Housing Agency which was being explored as a potential site for the new proposed Mountrath Primary Care Centre, was deemed unsuitable following a due diligence review mainly due to flood risk on a portion of the site. The Housing Agency were notified of the HSE's decision not to progress matters.

The HSE have since identified another site in the locality which would be suitable for the development of a new Primary Care Centre and have carried out a due diligence review which has reaffirmed the appropriateness of the site for the development of a centre.

A pre-planning meeting has taken place with Laois Co. Co and the feedback was very positive in terms of the proposed development on the site. A valuation has been carried out on the site. The acquisition of the property will be progressed via the Open Market subject to all HSE internal approvals.

Yours sincerely

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