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Mr Dessie Ellis TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

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PQ 38539/24 – "To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans for a primary health care centre for Santry, Whitehall, and Beaumount, Dublin, given the significant growth in population in these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter" - **Dessie Ellis TD**

Dear Deputy Ellis,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In line with Sláintecare, to support the redesign of care pathways to make care more accessible in the community, the Health Service Executive are progressing a lease in the Omni Shopping Centre to accommodate specialist, integrated care teams for both chronic disease and older persons. In addition to these teams, the Larkhill Primary Care Team will also be based here.

This specialist hub will develop pathways and implement integrated services in a consultant led service aligned to Beaumont Hospital for people with complex health and social care needs, particularly those with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), adult asthma, cardiovascular disease and type two diabetes. In conjunction with specialist hub services, local primary care team services currently provided from Larkhill Health Centre will be provided from this site and will include public health nursing, community medical service, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, psychology and social work services for the Larkhill Primary Care team catchment area.

Work on the delivery of the clinical space on the first floor is due to be completed in Q4 2024.

The space will provide an additional 36 Clinical Spaces including:

- Cardiac Rehab Gym
- Clinical Rooms
- Community Diagnostics
- Podiatry and Wound Treatment
- Primary Care Gym
- Pulmonary Rehab Gym

Dental services will continue to be provided from Larkhill Health Centre.

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

Yours sincerely,

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