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**PQ 36653/24\*To ask the Minister for Health if there is currently a tender process for PCCs within CHO4, specifically for the north, north east, and north west Cork area. - Sean Sherlock**

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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’*.

It was not feasible to develop the planned network of Primary Care Centres within the required timeline, due to the availability of existing sites and the need to accelerate the development of Primary Care Centres solely through the HSE capital planning process. It was therefore necessary to develop alternative delivery mechanisms alongside the HSE Capital Plan. The HSE deliver Primary Care Centres via 3 different mechanisms;

- Operational Lease Model
- HSE Direct Build
- PPP Initiative

Under the Primary Care Operational Lease model the HSE has delivered a total of 108 Primary Care Centres to date.



Capital & Estates have recently advertised seeking submissions for a Primary Care Centre in Blarney for CHO 4 and there are others likely to be re-advertised in the near future.

All selected proposals are subject to the normal HSE approval processes and will be rigorously examined in relation to all aspects including whether it represents value for money to the HSE.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian O'Connell".

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**Brian O'Connell**  
**Interim National Director**  
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