

Mr Malcolm Byrne, TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

31st January 2025

PQ 46792/24* To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update, including a timetable of delivery, for the planned new primary care centre for Gorey, County Wexford. - Malcolm Byrne

Dear Deputy Byrne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response.

The HSE currently operates two Primary Care Centres in Gorey, located at The Avenue Primary Care Centre, The Palms, Gorey, Co Wexford and Conal House Primary Care Centre, St. Michael's Road, Gorey, Co Wexford.

The need for a new Primary Care Centre in Gorey had been identified previously. A selection process had been undertaken, and a Preferred Provider had been selected. Unfortunately, the selected Preferred Provider encountered difficulties regarding the economic viability of the proposed project. The HSE recently withdrawn from that process.

To facilitate a re-advertisement of this Primary Care Centre, a review of the current and future service needs for Gorey area was undertaken with relevant stakeholders and an updated scope was identified based on the recent needs assessment.

The HSE recently (21st November 2024) re-advertised Gorey Primary Care Centre on the E-tenders Procurement Platform with a Prior Information Notice (PIN). The PIN is seeking expressions of interest from interested parties, to enter into the two-step procurement process, in delivering a Primary Care Centre via the HSE's Operational Lease. This publication on the E-Tenders Procurement Platform is the first step in the procurement process. Following the mandatory waiting period between the PIN and the two-step procurement process, the next stage of the advertisement is expected to be published on the E-Tenders Procurement platform in mid Q1 2025.

The overall timeline for project completion will be dependent on the outcome of the tender advertisement.

Yours sincerely

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