

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name:	PRIMARY CARE CENTRES PPP
Project Number:	20140692
Country:	Ireland
Project Description:	Development of up to 14 Primary Care Centres including accommodation for Primary Care Team and General Practitioner services.
EIA required:	no
Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise ¹ :	no

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment, including key issues and overall conclusion and recommendation

Health facilities are not specifically mentioned in the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, though the project is covered by Annex II of the Directive in relation to urban development. The competent Irish authorities have decided that in none of the 14 centres' locations an EIA is required.

High energy efficiency standards will apply for 14 locations (BER A3). By providing modernized, fit-for-purpose facilities, the project will also improve the overall social impact by providing better and closer to home all-round care and support to the patients and their families.

Based on the above, the project is acceptable for EIB financing in E&S terms.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

All fourteen sites have been subject to full planning permission applications, with planning granted on all sites. In the course of considering those applications and in reaching their decisions, the Local Authorities did not identify the need at any of the sites for the preparation of an Environmental Report or an Environmental Impact Assessment. Appropriate Assessment Screening Reports were prepared for six sites (Tuam, Ballinrobe, Limerick, Carrick-on-Suir, Waterford, Wexford). In each of these reports it was concluded that further full Appropriate Assessment reports were not required. It was also not considered necessary to commission the Appropriate Assessment Screening Reports for the other eight sites, due to their contexts and locations. With planning granted for all 14 sites, no further appeals or objections can be issued at this stage.

All 14 newly constructed Primary Care Centres will have to comply with a high energy efficiency level (BER A3).

The collection of medical waste in all 14 locations will be organized centrally by the Health Services Executive (HSE) according to the HSE Waste Management Policies & Guidance. The PPP Company will be responsible for a waste management inside the buildings (safe segregation, packaging, labelling, handling and movement of waste from designated local storage points to the central holding area in each centre).

¹ Only projects that meet the scope of the Pilot Exercise, as defined in the EIB draft Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: above 100,000 tons CO₂e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tons CO₂e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.

Social Assessment, where applicable

Social benefits of the project include an improved work environment for staff and additional health benefits to patients from improved facilities (increased quality of care, reduced waiting times for treatment, reduced distress, increased access).

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement, where required

As part of the planning process (in respect of all 14 sites), the public was offered the opportunity to view the proposal(s), make observations in respect of the application, object to the proposal and thereafter appeal any decision. In respect of a number of sites, the Authority conducted liaison meetings with relevant stakeholders prior to submission of the planning application.