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Thanks all

If these dates have not been published then I don't think they should be used in a response to the Cumbernauld News.

But perhaps we can say something like.

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I am just confirming opening dates for Fife and Highland, but I think they should be opening next month, just let me confirm that fact.

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Will get back to you shortly with confirmation of the opening dates.

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I'd already gone back on this, but grateful if Isabella's point can be picked up before lines are progressed – also, are we able to push back at all on the delay claim re Cumbernauld?

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Copying in [Redacted] who leads in the capital infrastructure, but one thing to note is that the opening dates for the four centres is this year, and perhaps we might be able to be clearer on that with some dates now confirmed? [Redacted] would be able to comment on that.

[Redacted] - Head of Capacity Building and Recruitment Strategy

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Ok, thanks.

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I have liaised with policy colleagues and have a proposed response which states the latest update.

Would be grateful for your views.

Kind regards

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Please note: I work Monday (am) and Tuesday –Thursday (all day)

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I have made a suggestion below as a starter.

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Subject: RE: Query for Health press team

Lovely thanks

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No problem

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Hi [Redacted]

Are you ok to take this one please? Will add to grid

Many thanks

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Thank you [Redacted] – will allocate

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Morning!

We just got this one through there as well.

Thanks,

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Thanks for your time on the phone [Redacted] and for passing this on

Best wishes

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Mr Griffin said: "SNP politicians were falling over themselves to promise this centre by 2026 in the run up to an election but, as is often the case with this Government, they have dropped the ball on delivery.

It has taken Freedom of Information requests to reveal this delay. It's about time Ministers and the Health Board came clean with Cumbernauld and set out when this vital centre will be delivered. I urge the Scottish Government and Health Board to explain why this project is already two years behind schedule and provide assurances that there will be no further delays."

Local health campaigner, Billy Lees, added: "Cumbernauld has lost a lot of health services due to centralisation over the past 15 years, including our X-ray service and Out of Hours. A lot of people were really pleased when this new treatment centre was announced two years ago, so it's really disappointing that it's already two years behind schedule and that it will only offer a very limited number of procedures."

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