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Mr. John McGuinness TD,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Dublin 2.

**Re: PQ 22131/18**

**To ask the Minister for Health the plans that have been approved by the HSE for structural improvement works at Ballyragget Health Centre; if a nurse will be appointed to assist at the centre; and if the matter will be expedited.**

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

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

I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the position.

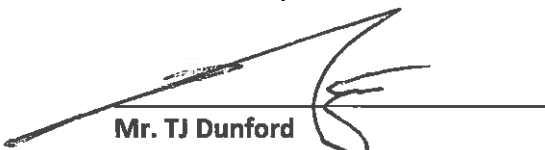
The HSE is committed to the ongoing provision of primary and community healthcare services from the local Health Centre in Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny and is deeply appreciative of the role played by the associated local GP practice. This extends to support provided in a minor injuries treatment capacity to local manufacturing plants.

Efforts are underway to secure additional GP support to address a forthcoming retirement.

Other possible supports including extra room for a nurse for the Ballyragget Health Centre will remain under examination and I will advise on same as soon as possible.

Should you have any further queries in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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