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Ms Marcella Corcoran Kennedy T.D.,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question – 17370/19

To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the provision of public sexual health services in County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Marcella Corcoran Kennedy

Dear Deputy Corcoran Kennedy,

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. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

Recent Sexual Health Crisis Pregnancy Programme Mapping and Sexual Health Needs Assessment (SHNA) Reports, available at <https://www.sexualwellbeing.ie/for-professionals/research/research-reports/> identified the Midlands as being below the national average for public STI clinic capacity. Recommendations from the mapping and SHNA reports will be addressed, in so far as possible within existing resources. This will include the development of standards for service as well as scoping the provision of services in areas that are underserved. Recommendations will be made within the context of national provision as it is clear from these reports that there are significant differences across the country in terms of availability of services, types of service provided and access to laboratory diagnostics. The Midlands has not received any additional resources to expand STI services in the 2019 budget.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett
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