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PQ 6439/19

To ask the Minister for Health the status of a health centre, Ionad sláinte na Rinne in County Waterford; if ownership of the facility remains with the HSE; when general practitioner services will be reinstated in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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 Health Centre at Ionad Pobail na Rinne, Maoil a' Chóirne, An Rinn (Ring), Co. Waterford has not been in use since 2017. Last year, following consultation with the local community group (proprietors of Ionad Pobail na Rinne), South East Community Healthcare advised clients locally that General Practitioner, public health nursing and other community healthcare services previously available at the Centre and accessed in the meantime in Dungarvan will be available at one location in the new Primary Care Centre in Dungarvan. This arrangement will be inclusive of GP services continuing to be available to residents of the Gaeltacht communities of An Rinn (Ring) and An Seana Phobal (Old Parish) in both Irish and English.

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

Yours sincerely,

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