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“To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the provision of general practitioner care in a town in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details supplied: Minister are you aware that in Dingle Co Kerry there are often weekends where there is no Doctor on duty including no South Doc services Surely in a busy tourist town like Dingle this is crazy

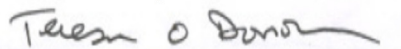
Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

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.

There is/has always been a Doctor on duty in Dingle.

The provision of GP services is operating in the context of a chronic shortage of Doctors throughout the country. This is exacerbated by the fact that many Doctors find it extremely difficult to work in the out of hours setting due to the increasing demands placed on them in their daytime surgery. Cork Kerry Community Healthcare continues to work closely with SouthDoc in efforts to provide a sustainable model of Out of Hours GP cover.

Yours sincerely,



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