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Mr. Michael Healy-Rae T.D.,
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“To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no audiology services in the new primary care centres in Bantry, County Cork and Tralee, County Kerry in view of the fact that in the past year six new audiology rooms have been provided in County Cork while County Kerry has none; and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

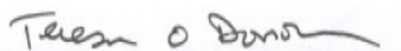
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare Audiology Department conduct and monitor hearing tests, prescribe hearing aids and ear moulds and undertake ongoing monitoring as required for both adults and children who are at risk for hearing loss. This service is delivered from the Audiology Department at St. Finbarrs Hospital Cork with outreach services delivered in Bantry. In 2019 Audiological services will also be delivered from the new primary care centre in Bantry. A bespoke audiology booth is being commissioned to accommodate this.

In Kerry, paediatric audiology services are currently delivered from University Hospital Kerry where there are two sound proof booths and adult services are delivered from a community setting at Aras an Phobail. In 2019 both the paediatric and adult services will relocate to the new primary care centre in Tralee. A suite of booths are being commissioned to accommodate this.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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