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Dear Deputy Butler,

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

PQ - Ref 29771/19

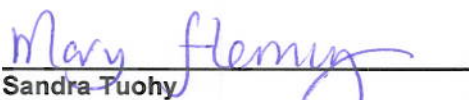
To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the reconfiguration of nursing home support offices

The Nursing Homes Support Scheme has been administered through 17 Nursing Home Support Offices (NHSOs). It is intended that these offices will be reconfigured into 5 regional offices located in Ballymun, Cork, Limerick, Naas and Tullamore. Each of the 12 reconfigured offices will retain staff who will provide scheme information and advice to families, as well as being a direct point of contact with local acute hospitals and community services.

To date, the Sligo / Leitrim office has been reconfigured (March 2019), and is now administered from the Tullamore NHSO. Reconfiguration of the Louth / Meath office is well advanced and will shortly be administered through the Tullamore NHSO.

Work is underway at a national level to progress the reconfiguration of the remaining offices, in partnership with Community Health Care Offices, Human Resources and staff representative bodies.

Yours sincerely,

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