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**To ask the Minister for Health the services available in the primary care unit in Carrick-on-suir, County Tipperary; the number of staff employed; his plans to enhance services in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Butler,

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 new development of the Carrick on Suir Primary Care Centre opened in June 2018. It is the base for 25 full time staff and another cohort of approximately 15 staff who use the Primary Care Centre for part-time or sessional basis.

This centre provides the full range of therapy supports to Carrick on Suir and its surrounding areas, including Public Health Nursing (PHN), Mental Health, Dental, Speech & Language, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Dietetics and Primary Care Social Work and clinics by Area Medical Officers, Psychology, counselling and substance misuse. This centre is also a base for the registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Further developments will include an enhanced Public Health Nursing Service which will offer Breastfeeding support at the centre. The Dietician based in the centre is running an education programme which is commencing in Autumn 2019 for people with Type 2 diabetes.

I trust the above addresses your query, but should you have any further queries in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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