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Deputy Mc Conalogue,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: PQ13470/19

“To ask the Minister for Health when an outreach clinic (details supplied) for patients in County Donegal will be reinstated; the reason this has not taken place to date; the efforts being undertaken to resume the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Charlie Mc Conalogue. Details supplied - Outreach clinic in Letterkenny University Hospital for Dermatology Patients who are currently travelling to Sligo University Hospital for treatment”

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

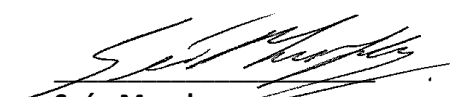
There is a weekly Dermatology Outpatient Clinic in Letterkenny provided by Consultant Dermatologist based in Altnagelvin Hospital. In 2018 there were 1,905 patient attendances at this clinic.

In addition a Consultant Dermatologist sees Donegal patients in Sligo Clinic. The Saolta Group is seeking to appoint a second Consultant Dermatologist for the North West and would aim to reinstate the Sligo Consultant Clinic in Letterkenny when such an appointment is made.

LUH are currently engaged in a CAWT Funding Cross Border Project to deliver an Outpatient Phototherapy Service in Letterkenny. It is anticipated that this service will start treating patients in 2019.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



Seán Murphy
General Manager
Letterkenny General Hospital