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To ask the Minister for Health if services have been removed from a centre Elphin Health Centre, County Roscommon over the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The geography covered by the Strokestown PCT includes the geographical area of Elphin. Strokestown Primary Care Centre (PCC) is the base for Strokestown Primary Care Team (PCT). Nurses who are part of this team are also based in Elphin Health Centre. Clinics are held in Elphin HC and Strokestown PCC by team, Network and visiting services. Network services cover a number of PCT areas delivering services such as speech & language therapy, dental, dietetics etc.

As both Strokestown PCC and Boyle PCC dental clinics are built to a high specification to meet HIQA standards, maintaining the dental clinic in Elphin HC for one day per week was reviewed prior to opening Boyle PCC and a decision was made to close the dental service in Elphin HC in August 2018.

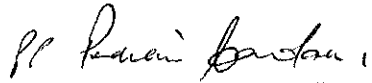
A second tier wound dressing clinic commenced in Elphin Health Centre in the space previously utilised by dental services.

There has been a change to the delivery of Dietitian services in North Roscommon as a result of increased activity levels. The service to these areas has not been withdrawn, just relocated in order to create more efficiency as there is just 1 Senior dietician based in North Roscommon.

- Ballaghadereen clients will be seen in Castlerea PCC
- Elphin clients will be seen in Boyle PCC
- Strokestown clients will be seen in Roscommon PCC

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

Yours sincerely



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