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Mr. Robert Troy T.D.,
Dáil Eireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 45355/19

To ask the Minister for Health the status of future services at the South Westmeath Hospice facility; and if a commitment can be given regarding the long-term future of this facility - Robert Troy.

Dear Deputy Troy,

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. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

The HSE has withdrawn the proposal to move the beds into the CNU and is in the process of setting up the agreed joint forum with the South Westmeath Hospice Committee. A draft terms of reference has been forwarded to the committee for review and it is hoped to schedule the first meeting at their earliest convenience.

The HSE is committed to working collaboratively with the South Westmeath Hospice Committee to ensure that the services currently available continue and are enhanced.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett
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