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Deputy Paul Murphy,
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To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure a general practitioner service is provided in Fettercairn, Tallaght, Dublin 24.
- Paul Murphy.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

There have been calls recently to establish a GP service based in the Fettercairn estate. The residents of this area currently are assigned to GP's in the environs just outside this area and it is a stated belief that there is a need to locate a service within the neighbourhood to allow better access for patients to their GP's.

Dublin South Kildare and West Wicklow Community Healthcare is intent on addressing the needs of all services users and to promote access to GP services. To that end we are currently working to identify the needs of residents of Fettercairn. The Trinity College Dublin HANA research survey in Tallaght (2014), indicated a very large satisfaction rate with people across all of Tallaght with their GP (90% would recommend their GP; 90% are satisfied with their GP and 73% are within walking distance of their GP).

The HSE has sought statistics from the PCRS division to advise as to which GP's in the surrounding area have the majority of GMS clients living in the Fettercairn area. When this is confirmed the HSE will approach those GP's with a view to establishing if there is interest in providing outreach clinics within the community of Fettercairn. The HSE will then re-examine options with regard to providing suitable premises for this purpose.

General Practitioner panels are advertised when they become available and GP's are free to establish practices wherever they wish. The HSE does not directly employ GP's in the community, but it is hoped that with the agreement around a new GP contract that establishing practices will be more attractive to new GP's especially in areas of disadvantage.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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