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All Community Hospitals in County Donegal

To ask the Minister for Health the reason IV drips are not being administered to patients when required in community hospitals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McConalogue

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 the following outlines the position for County Donegal.

Nurses in community hospitals have in the past been trained in IV administration. However, due to a lack of uptake/ provision of this service at community hospitals, they do not retain proficiency in this skill. It is the Medical Officer who prescribes the route of administration.

I trust that this is of assistance, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely

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