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Mr. Robert Troy T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 41371/19

To ask the Minister for Health the status of discussions between the HSE and South Westmeath Hospice regarding the retention of the facility - Robert Troy.

Dear Deputy Troy,

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the retention of the existing palliative care support service St Vincent's Community Nursing Unit (CNU) Athlone.

The HSE has withdrawn the proposal to move the beds into the CNU and is in the process of setting up the agreed joint forum with the South Westmeath Hospice Committee.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
Chief Officer CHO Area 8