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“To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the decision to relocate the Public Health Nursing Services from Castlemartyr, Co. Cork to Midleton Community hospital six miles away; and the person that made the decision.”.

Dear Deputy Buckley,

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.

The cost of refurbishment of Castlemartyr Health Centre coupled with the high clinical standards required to meet health guidelines, means that the required level of finishes could only be achieved with a prohibitive level of investment.

As a result, senior management in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare Primary Care took the decision to relocate some of the public health nursing services from Castlemartyr to newly refurbished premises in the grounds of Midleton Community Hospital. A limited nursing service continues to be provided from Castlemartyr and a review is currently underway to explore the options available to ensure the needs of the local population are met in a way that is appropriate and safe.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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