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Pat Buckley, T.D.,
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"To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expand the public health services in Castlemartyr, Co. Cork".

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.

Community nursing services for the people of Castlemartyr are delivered by the East Cork Community Nursing team. Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) has a defined budget for the delivery of community nursing services and within the current budget it is not possible to expand the services in the Castlemartyr area.

CKCH is aware of the concerns raised regarding the delivery of services from Castlemartyr Health Centre. The tentative plans to refurbish this space have been put on hold as the cost of refurbishment coupled with the high clinical standards required to meet health guidelines meant that the costs involved would be prohibitive, and not a prudent use of public funds. As a result the decision to relocate some of the public health nursing services from Castlemartyr to newly refurbished premises in the grounds of Midleton Community Hospital was made. 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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