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**To ask the Minister for Health the reason Roscommon town was not considered as a location for one of the 18 new ambulatory care teams in view of the current expertise in chronic and geriatric care at Roscommon University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Under the Enhanced Community Care Programme 2020/2021 National Funding was allocated to support 11 prioritised Hospitals by the development of 18 Ambulatory Care Hubs. Community Healthcare West was requested to identify two Ambulatory Care Hub sites to provide services across Co. Galway and Co. Roscommon each servicing a population of 150,000 people or 3 Community Health Networks (CHN).

The Ambulatory Care teams will provide services across the area they cover, utilising existing Primary Care Centres and working with General Practitioners. This will result in the development of integrated care for patients with Diabetes, Cardiovascular and Respiratory conditions across Co. Roscommon and Co. Galway. The siting of the Ambulatory Care Hubs within CHW were based on the population covered, located centrally in the area serviced i.e. central to the three Community Health Networks and proximity to model 4 /model 3 hospitals.

The expertise in Chronic Disease and Older Persons care in Roscommon Hospital is recognised and part of the role of the integrated care consultant is to link with other consultant colleagues in the hospitals to deliver Ambulatory Services. Whilst the specialist teams will be based in the Ambulatory Care Hub, it is anticipated they will provide outreach clinics in identified Primary Care Centres within each of the CHN's.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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**On behalf of  
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