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**PQ 28407/20 – To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the chronic shortage of general practitioner services in Balbriggan, County Dublin which has created lengthy waiting lists for appointments; his plans to alleviate the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. –**

*Louise O'Reilly*

**PQ 28532/20 – To ask the Minister for Health if additional staff including general practitioners will be deployed to Balbriggan primary care centre in view of the long waiting times for general practitioners and medical services in the town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Louise O'Reilly**

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Community Healthcare Organisation – Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) do not see individual GP waiting lists. The GPs are independent contractors who are not employed by the HSE. As such they are responsible for running their own practices, which may consist of private patients and General Medical Services (GMS) scheme patients. If patients are experiencing any problems with accessing appointments, this needs to be addressed directly with the practice manager of the GP concerned.

As the GPs are not employed by the HSE, it would be not be possible to deploy a GP to another practice.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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