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To ask the Minister for Health when each of the primary care services such as x-ray, chiropody services and physiotherapy services at Belmullet Community Hospital that were ceased in response to the Covid-19 outbreak will be restarted; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

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.

X-Ray Services:

The X-Ray service in Belmullet Community Hospital is provided by the Saolta group. Primary Care Services cannot provide any information in this regard.

Chiropady( Podiatry) Services:

Podiatry services were paused on March 18<sup>th</sup> due to the COVID 19 pandemic & normal service has yet to resume. The Podiatry service in Belmullet is provided by a private practitioner who provides care on behalf of the HSE. The HSE are currently liaising with this podiatrist to up-skill and improve pathways to ensure a safe return to service.

Physiotherapy Services:

Primary Care Physiotherapy services for the Erris region continue to be provided and did not cease due to COVID19.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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