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Ms Carol Nolan T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Re: Parliamentary Question - 8665/21**

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide assurances that Cloghan Health Centre in Co. Offaly is not being closed and that existing services are not being transferred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Carol Nolan

Dear Deputy Nolan,

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 outline the position as follows.

I have consulted relevant colleagues and there has been no discussion in recent times regarding a closure of Cloghan Health Centre.

As you will be aware an excellent and fit for purpose Primary Care Centre has opened in Banagher. Almost all of the service users currently attending Cloghan – have their G.Ps based in the new Banagher Primary Care Centre. The Primary Care Centre will provide accommodation under the one roof of HSE staff and GPs – with the benefits being obvious for communication etc.

What has happened in recent weeks is that nurses in Banagher health centre (the old one) and Cloghan Health Centre have been shown where their new bases are in Banagher Primary Care Centre. Again there is a benefit having all staff in one location and will improve communication and cross cover. However, the moving of staff to Banagher is not and should not be equated with a closure of Cloghan.

Cloghan will remain open on an appointments based service for the 20-25 patients who attend on weekly basis.

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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**Sarah McBride**

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