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**Question:** To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the provision of public sexual health services in County Meath.

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

Thank you for your question to the Minister for Health, which was forwarded to my office to respond to you directly.

Although there is no public sexual health service in County Meath, there are a number of public STI services in close proximity.

Meath falls within the catchment of the Ireland East Hospital group. The hospital group provides public STI services in other hospitals within that group, including the Mater Hospital in Dublin and Midland Regional Hospital Mullingar in Westmeath. Of note, the STI Clinic in Mullingar has been closed for the past year and is in the process of recruiting staff to re-open the service. This has been delayed due to COVID-19.

In addition, the Dublin North East hospital group have public STI services in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda and Louth County Hospital.

In 2018, the Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme (SHCPP) published a report mapping sexual health services in Ireland. For the counties where no public STI service was identified, Meath was one of the counties where data demonstrated high levels of STI testing taking place, presumably in GP practices.

The report identifies areas where action is required to improve access, availability and provision of sexual health services. [https://www.sexualwellbeing.ie/for-professionals/research/research-reports/survey-of-sexual-health-services\\_june2018v2.pdf](https://www.sexualwellbeing.ie/for-professionals/research/research-reports/survey-of-sexual-health-services_june2018v2.pdf)

Yours Sincerely

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