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RE: to extend weekend cover in Belmullet and Achill and can he provide a timeframe for funding to be provided and agreement on the service level agreement with HSE CHO to establish a GP rota in these rural areas to access the Westdoc service.

To ask the Minister for Health the status of engagement between CHO west and WestDoc (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Dillon,

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.

The GP Out of Hours services are provided by Westdoc in Belmullet and Achill for 20 weekends per annum. Additional funding is required to increase this cover to 52 weekends per annum. A Business Case seeking additional funding of €0.4m per annum to provide full weekend cover by Westdoc in Belmullet and Achill in Mayo, together with Connemara in Galway, was submitted to the HSE at national level but the necessary additional funding has not been provided to date. It is the wish of Community Healthcare West to have 100% Westdoc coverage for all GPs in Galway, Mayo and Roscommon.

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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