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To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 686 of 27 January 2021, the rationale for the decision not to allocate funding for a service (details supplied); if this will be appealed; the timeframe for funding to be allocated; 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.

Community Healthcare West submitted a Business Case to the HSE at national level seeking additional funding of €0.4m per annum to increase the weekend cover provided by Westdoc in Belmullet and Achill, together with Connemara in Galway, from 20 weekends per annum to 52 weekends per annum.

The necessary additional funding has not been provided to date. I am not in a position to state what the rationale was for the decision not to grant the funding. This is a matter for National HSE/Department of Health. Community Healthcare West will continue to seek funding for the expansion of Westdoc in our area. It is our wish 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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