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**Ref: PQ/21/17324 – Dietetic Service, Maynooth Community Unit**

**PQ:**

*“To ask the Minister for Health when a dietician will be appointed to the Maynooth community care unit which currently does not have a dietician on either a part-time or full-time basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.*

*“Bernard Durkan”*

**Response:**

Dear Deputy Durkan,

Thank you for your recent representation regarding the Dietetic Service in Maynooth Community Unit.

The on-site dietetic service provided in Maynooth Community Unit was temporarily paused at the end of January 2021 due to the departure of the existing dietician.

The service is actively engaging in a recruitment campaign to fill this vacancy. In the interim, all dietetic referrals are sent to the Dublin South, Kildare, West Wicklow (DSKWW) Community Healthcare Dietetic Manager who provides clinical advice, within available resources, in accordance with national regulatory care standards for residential care.

Yours sincerely,

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