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To ask the Minister for Health the offshore islands that are currently served by a resident general practice doctor; and the way this essential service is provided to islanders that do not have a resident general practitioner. -Aengus Ó Snodaigh

Dear Deputy Ó Snodaigh,

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 following islands in Community Healthcare West are served by resident General Practitioners:

- Inis Mor, Aran Islands, Co. Galway;
- Inis Oirr, Aran Islands, Co. Galway.

Those General Practitioners provide services to their patients on a similar basis to GPs working on the mainland.

The following islands are served by General Practitioners who are not resident on the islands:

- Inis Meáin, Aran Islands, Co. Galway;
- Inishboffin Island, Co. Galway;
- Inishturk Island, Co. Mayo;
- Clare Island Co. Mayo;
- Inishbiggle Island, Co. Mayo.

In respect of those islands, services are provided by GPs who work on the mainland. They visit the islands on a regular basis to hold clinics (these days are set for each island) and on other occasions, as required, to deal with emergencies etc. They work closely with the Public Health Nurses on the islands and are available on a 24 hour per day basis, to their patients.

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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