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**PQ ref 52629/21 - the Aras Gweedore nursing home, Gweedore This has been an ongoing issue for a number of years and consideration was being given by the HSE into taking over and running the home;**

**To ask the Minister for Health if progress has been made in relation to the HSE taking control of a nursing home (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Pringle

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I can confirm that the HSE continues to offer its support to all private nursing homes in County Donegal during the current pandemic. However, there are no plans in relation to the taking control of any individual private nursing home/s in the Donegal area.

In relation to Aras Ghaoth Dobhair Nursing Home specifically, the HSE has provided the following supports:

### **Staffing**

An Assistant Director of Nursing, Clinical Nurse Manager 2, Staff Nurses and Health Care Assistants have all been provided to support the nursing home since the onset of the Covid pandemic.

Staff Nurses and Health Care Assistants have also continued to provide support, when required.

The HSE has also facilitated the secondment of a Nurse Manager to allow that person to take on the Role of Director of Nursing at Aras Ghaoth Dobhair.

### **Infection & Prevention Control**

The HSE Infection Prevention and Control team is providing ongoing support to ensure infection prevention and control guidelines are being maintained at the nursing home during the course of the pandemic.

As with all private nursing homes, the HSE has provided personal protection equipment (PPE) to the staff at Aras Ghaoth Dobhair along with training in relation to the appropriate use of PPE.

The HSE also procured a private cleaning company for Aras Ghaoth Dobhair during a staff shortage to ensure wards/bedrooms were properly sanitised following a Covid outbreak.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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