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**Geesala Healthcare Centre. Current GP is overworked, and is requesting a locum to cover one weekend per month.**

**To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will consider allocating a locum doctor to provide consistent cover for a practice (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.

Westdoc, the GP Out of Hours service in Community Healthcare West, provides cover in the Erris area, including Geesala, on 20 weekends per annum. The remaining weekends are covered on a rotational basis by the GPs in the area who can either provide the cover themselves or engage locum GPs to provide cover on their behalf under the terms of the General Medical Services scheme.

Unfortunately Community Healthcare West is not in a position to provide locum cover on one weekend per month for the GP who covers the Geesala area.

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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