

14th October, 2021

Mr James O'Connor T.D.,
Dáil Éireann
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PQ ref 47641/21

“To ask the Minister for Health if a second physiotherapist will be reinstated in Fermoy Hospital, County Cork.”

Dear Deputy O'Connor,

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.

The Primary Care Physiotherapy service that was based in a space in Fermoy Community Hospital provides services to clients in Fermoy Community Primary Care Service Area. Services are provided via out-patient clinics and/or domiciliary services to the clients in the catchment area

Residents in Fermoy Community Hospital are seen on a referral basis by that physiotherapist as appropriate.

Due to hospital renovations in the summer of 2021, the physiotherapist had to move out of this designated space. The service identified clinic space hours in the SouthDoc clinic space, which is located on the hospital campus, from where the physiotherapist is now operating. The physiotherapist will continue to consider all referrals for patients in the hospital and will triage them based on the priority criteria for the service.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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