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Deputy Thomas Pringle,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ ref 20798/22 – To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the General practitioner services have ceased in a center (details supplied); when the general practitioner services will resume; if there is an agreement in place to ensure that the service will re-open; 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 have examined the matter and the following outlines the position

The two GP practices who were providing a satellite service from Annagry pre Covid have not returned to Annagry Health Centre and have no plans to return at this time.

Covid is still a very real concern within the practice setting with infection control and cross contamination being the primary concern. Annagry Health Centre is a shared building with multiple users and the GPs feel that this poses an increased risk. Within their main Centres of GP Practice in Dungloe and Burtonport the GPs can operate within a more controlled environment. They have access to multiple seating and waiting areas and can operate a one-way system for entry and exit which can minimize patients having to cross paths.

The GPs have also reported that they are unable to offer the same range of services, including Immunizations, Phlebotomy, ECG and BP monitoring in Annagry due in the main to poor connectivity, which also occasionally leaves them unable to access patient charts, all of which make consultations unsafe and unsatisfactory. The people of Annagry continue to attend the GP in Dungloe and Burtonport where they are offered a very safe, effective and efficient service.

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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