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Ms. Violet Anne Wynne
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RE: PQ REF 61231/22

To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on his plans to address the shortage of homecare provision by the HSE in Co. Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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.

There is currently a significant lack of carers within both the HSE and Private Providers in Co. Clare, which is having a knock-on effect on the provision of home support services to people who have been approved for such services.

The HSE and Private Providers are running recruitment campaigns on a regular basis to help address this issue. A HSE HCSA (Health Care Support Assistant) recruitment campaign is currently underway with interviews currently taking place. Community Older Persons services will work closely with HR to process these positions as quickly as possible.

We are also working closely with our colleagues in HR exploring options to raise awareness in relation to recruitment and the role of HCSAs going forward.

I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angela Frawley".

Angela Frawley
General Manager, Community Services for Older People