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Deputy Pearse Doherty Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

PQ ref 61339/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made regarding finding a replacement GP to take over the general practice in Dunkineely, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Doherty

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.

Having examined the matter, I am pleased to advise that we have been successful in recruiting a permanent GP for Dunkineely, which is very positive news for the area at a time when GP recruitment is proving extremely difficult across the country.

We are now progressing through the contract process and the new doctor is expected to take up the position early in the new year. Until we have concluded this process, the interim arrangements in place for Dunkineely will continue. Dr. Charles Mc Manus is providing cover for GMS patients from the Health Centre in Glenties and anyone needing to visit the GP should call 074 9557811 to make an appointment.

I trust that this is of assistance, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

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