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Deputy Pearse Doherty
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PQ ref 61342/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the nurse on Arranmore Island is no longer dedicated to the island on a full-time basis; the steps that are being taken to address the resulting decline in services on the island; 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 can confirm that there is a full-time community registered nurse allocated to Arranmore Island and this nurse is suitably qualified and competent to meet the demand for the nursing needs of the population of 450 people. The registered nurse works alongside the Palliative Care team and the Enhanced Community Care team as required to bring the best care to this population group. There has been no decline of services on the island.

There is a public health nurse based on the mainland who holds responsibility for the child development and screening for children under five years of age on Arranmore Island. She travels to the island when required to do so. Currently, there are eight children under five years of age (two of them there temporarily from Ukraine). All child developmental checks are up to date.

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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