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Mr. Michael Healy-Rae, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 2490/22**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to provide a permanent full-time general practitioner in a village (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter."**

**Details supplied: Ballyduff, North Kerry**

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

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.

Since 1st September, 2021, the HSE has run an Interim General Practice service in Ballyduff, with a locum GP, Nursing and Administration staffing, whilst endeavouring to recruit a permanent GP for the area. The Primary Care Unit has been successful in placing a Locum GP in Ballyduff GP practice from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January. The HSE intends to continue this arrangement until a successful permanent solution is progressed. A fourth recruitment campaign for a permanent GP in Ballyduff practice is underway and the post has been advertised, locally, nationally and internationally.

The HSE has engaged with those who have contacted them with queries. All requests for information have been and continue to be attended to.

The next stage in the present campaign is to shortlist from the applications received in order to identify suitable candidates to interview for the post.

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

Yours sincerely,



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