

23rd March 2022

Mr. Pa Daly, TD,
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 13438/22

"The Public Health Nurse for Listowel has been on leave for 12 weeks and no replacement is being provided for. Constituents cannot contact anyone in either of Listowel or Tralee to raise public health concerns and issues."

Dear Deputy Daly

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.

There are three PHN areas in Listowel town and surrounding areas and besides routine annual leave, there has not been an area in Listowel without cover for 12 weeks. Cross cover is always arranged when a nurse is on annual leave or sick leave. There are also four community registered general nurses who work from the Listowel centre.

There is a PHN in the Ballybunion area on leave presently. The Ballybunion area is being covered by the nurses from the Listowel, Ballylongford and Tarbert areas. The Ballybunion area also has a community registered general nurse who works Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The Primary care centre in Listowel can be contacted by phone from 9.30 to 10.30 am Monday to Friday and the telephone number for this centre is 068 56100.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



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