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To ask the Minister for Health the plans he has to address the shortage of local general practitioners in east Galway with a number of former general practitioners retiring many residents have been unable to register with a local general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

There are currently two GP vacancies in East Galway - Kilconnell and Loughrea. One is filled in a temporary capacity by a GP employed through a Locum Agency and the second is filled in a temporary capacity by another GP in the area. Both have been advertised and the closing date for receipt of completed applications is 11th April, 2022. If eligible applications are received, interviews will be held during April.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to fill rural GP positions at the present time but every effort will be made to maintain GP services for the people in the area.

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

Yours sincerely,

M. Warde

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