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Eagraíocht Cúram Sláinte Pobail Lár Tire,
An Lú, An Mhí

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An Tulach Mhór, Co. Uíbh Fhailí.

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Mr Ruairí Ó Murchú T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 16684/22

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the status of the homecare pilot project in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

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. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

The Home Support Pilot Project commenced in the East Westmeath Community Health Network on the 1st of November 2021 for a six (6) month duration and is fully integrated within the Westmeath Home Support operational process. The Pilot project has been extended by a further two (2) months to the end of June 2022.

A recruitment campaign was completed within CHO8 to recruit the two (2) allocated positions to support the Home Support pilot project. To date, both successful candidates are in post and working within the pilot site.

Carer capacity and COVID 19 remain our biggest challenge within home support, however, we are looking at appropriate solutions to curb these challenges.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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