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Deputy Neale Richmond, TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Re Ref: PQ 25996/22

**To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Leopardstown area in Dublin 18 does not have sufficient public health nurse services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Richmond,

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 and Children for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Acting Director of Public Health Nursing (PHN) has advised that at present the Public Health Nursing team in Leopardstown Health Centre are experiencing severe staffing shortages. The service is currently operating at 60% capacity resulting in the prioritisation of services being provided and delays to the delivery of PHN services.

This has been escalated as a matter of concern to senior management through the risk assessment process and work continues to take place in recruitment and on developing ways to provide a safe service at this time.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Declan O'Hanlon

Acting Head of Service, Primary Care