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To ask the Minister for Health if a commitment was given to put in place a healthcare professional at a location (details supplied) in 2017; the reason that this did not happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

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.

The following healthcare posts were put in place for EROC Ballaghaderreen; Senior Psychologist, Public Health Nurse, Social Care Leader, Dentist and Dental Nurse (both part-time) as well as access to local GP services as per commitment to meet the needs of the Syrian community in the EROC. There are also two Health Liaison Workers and one Intercultural Worker in place to support and assist this community.

Referrals are made via the GP to other relevant health services such as Mental Health, Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy etc. Interpretation services are provided for all residents who avail of health services.

It is the aim to assist the community resident in the EROC become as independent as possible before they are relocated to their new home in Ireland through assisting them to access mainstream health services prior to their move.

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

Yours sincerely,


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