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Mr. Robert Troy T.D.,  
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**Re: Parliamentary Question – 58262/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the provision of a new GP to Ballymore Health Centre, Ballymore, County Westmeath. -Robert Troy**

Dear Deputy Troy

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 HSE commenced a recruitment campaign Ref 22/22 at the end of June 2022 to secure a new GP for the Medical Centre Ballymahon/Health Centre Ballymore following the resignation of the Principal GP on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

The HSE Recruitment can confirm that following a successful campaign the number 1 GP on the panel was offered the GMS panel and accepted same. The HSE Recruitment commenced the screening process with the GP and following the screening process a start date for the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 was agreed. However on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 the GP contacted the HSE and advised that he/she was officially withdrawing from the offered post of Ballymahon and Ballymore.

HSE Recruitment then proceeded to offer the position to the other candidates on the panel. The number three candidate accepted the position and is currently being processed by HSE Recruitment. As the screening process takes a number of weeks to complete it is not envisaged that this position will be filled until January 2023.



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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dervila Eyres', written over a horizontal line.

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Dervila Eyres  
Acting Chief Officer  
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