

10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Deputy Denis Naughten  
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**PQ 48836/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health if he will approve funding sought by for the expansion of Westdoc in the southeast Galway general practitioner rota area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Naughten,

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.

I wish to inform you that it is the aim of Community Healthcare West to have 100% Westdoc coverage in our region but funding is required to achieve this aim. Business Cases have been submitted to the HSE at national level over the past number of years but only limited funding has been received to date, which has mainly been used to provide weekend cover by Westdoc in remote rural areas such as Connemara in Galway and Achill and Belmullet in Mayo.

A Business Case has again been submitted as part of the Estimates Process in the current year seeking additional funding in the sum of €2.5m for the expansion of Westdoc in Community Healthcare West. This includes a sum of €528,000 in respect of the GPs in the South East Galway GP Rota. Discussions have also taken place with HSE officials at national level since the Business Case was submitted regarding the urgency of expanding Westdoc to the South East Galway area and elsewhere. A reply is awaited.

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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