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To ask the Minister for Health when it is intended to recruit a new permanent general practitioner in an Cheathrú Rua, Contae na Gaillimhe; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ó'Cuív,

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 GP position in An Cheathru Rua, which became vacant in December 2021, has been advertised on four occasions without success. It is becoming increasingly difficult to fill rural GP positions at the present time. The position has been filled by General Practitioners employed on a temporary basis through a Locum Agency so there has been no disruption of services to the patients. However, efforts will continue to be made to fill the position through the General Medical Services (GMS) Scheme.

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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