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Deputy Jackie Cahill 8-9 Parnell St., Thurles, Co. Tipperary.

Re: PQ 52710/22 "To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the health centre in Rearcross, Co. Tipperary has not reopened on Tuesdays as it regulary did prior to Covid 19; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Cahill,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

I can advise that the Health Centre at Rearcross, Co. Tipperary is owned by the HSE. Prior to the pandemic, the only service operating out of the Health Centre was a weekly General Practitioner (GP) session/clinic provided by Dr. Moroney's GP Practice from Newport Medical Centre.

These sessions were cancelled during Covid 19 and have not since resumed. The Primary Care Unit Manager contacted the GP Practice on receipt of your Parliamentary Question regarding the resumption of the GP sessions. The GP Practice have informed the PCU Manager that the practice intends to carry out a review of their services and they will advise her of the outcome of this review once it is complete.

I will revert to you in due course to advise if the GP practice confirms if it is in a position to resume the GP session/clinic at the health centre.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

Carmel McLaughlin General Manager Primary Care