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Deputy Gino Kenny
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“To ask the Minister for Health about the interim measures that are in place for parents seeking a public health check for their children given that there is no public health nurse in Lucan.”

– Gino Kenny, TD

Dear Deputy Kenny,

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 a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm that there is a staff shortage of both Public Health Nurses and Registered General Nurses affecting the nursing team in the Dublin West Area and in particular the Lucan area. In response to this, the service has reconfigured and reorganised existing staff roles to allow redeployment, to address the priority requirements in vacant PHN caseloads in the Lucan area.

Unfortunately, routine non-priority developmental screening assessments cannot be carried out in areas where there is a vacant PHN post. Parents who have a concern for their child's development are welcome to contact the service who are triaging calls to provide support and advice as required. Every effort is being made at a local and national level to recruit for the vacant posts.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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