

19th September, 2022

Mr. Sean Sherlock, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 42978/22

"To ask the Minister for Health the geographic locations of the SouthDoc facilities in County Cork; if he has had any engagement on those specific locations regarding their future; if he will publish the dates and attendees of any meetings that he or his officials have had regarding SouthDoc services in Cork; and if the lease terms at each geographic location are known."

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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.

The Health Service Executive ensures the effective delivery of service via the Service Arrangement Process and have formal engagement via that process a minimum of 4 times per year where HSE and Southdoc employees and board members partake. Both services engage on any operational elements that arise between these formal meetings, also should the need arise.

SouthDoc has facilities in County Cork in: Kanturk, Mallow, Fermoy, Bandon, Bantry, Castletownbere, Clonakilty, Skibbereen, Drimoleague, Cork City, Middleton and Macroom. There has not been any engagement or discussions regarding the future of Southdoc facilities in Co. Cork.

SouthDoc is committed to providing value for money in terms of expenditure and at all times seeks to share facilities with the HSE. To that end SouthDoc delivers its services where possible in HSE buildings. However, SouthDoc has lease arrangements in the following areas:

Cork City:	Blackpool	Lease has expired currently under negotiation
	SouthSide	Lease expires August 2027
	Drimoleague	Lease expires October 2027
	Middleton	Lease has expired currently under negotiation

SouthDoc continues to deliver the service in response to the patient needs in a manner which assures safety, ease and equity of access and does not have any plans to alter the service in any way that would diminish this ethos. All patients are dealt with in accordance with their clinical needs.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Moriarty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Moriarty
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