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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

Re: PQ 46418/22 -To ask the Minister for Health the reason that those with family members in a centre (the Dundalk St John of God Venegas Centre) have seen their day services in some cases reduced to two days per week; if immediate assistance will be provided to the centre to ensure that clients have much needed access to day services throughout the week; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Fergus O'Dowd

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

St John of God North East Services are experiencing recruitment of staff and retention of staff difficulties at present. They have a rolling recruitment advertisement and are interviewing for staff on an ongoing basis. This is impacting on services provided.

The HSE are aware of the issue and will continue to monitor it.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Des O'Flynn
Chief Officer
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