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RE: PQ18500/23

"To ask the Minister for Health the reason Claremorris Primary Care Centre is currently without a GP operating on site; the steps he is taking to address the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In order for the development of a Primary Care Centre in Claremorris to progress there had to be confirmation of GP's willing to co-locate. A GP within the area confirmed that they were willing to relocate to the premises upon completion, however when the building opened in 2018 the GP was no longer in a position to move into the centre. HSE Estates wrote to all of the local GP's at the time to outline what was available and the terms of same, but none of them were in a position to move to the centre. With the continuing roll-out of the Enhanced Primary Care Programme, services delivered from the centre have increased and expanded to the extent that there is no longer sufficient space available to accommodate a GP practice

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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