

8th May, 2023

Mr. Michael, Creed, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 19017/23

"To ask the Minister for Health the current situation regarding replacement of GP services at a location in County Cork (details supplied)."

Detail Supplied: "Replacement of a GP in Charleville arising from the retirement of Dr Tom Molloy."

Dear Deputy Creed,

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.

On 23rd November, 2022, the HSE wrote to the Main GMS Cardholders on Dr. Tom Molloy's panel to outline for them that Dr. Molloy, Charleville Primary Care Centre, Rathgoggin South, Charleville, Co. Cork, would retire from the General Medical Services Scheme (GMS) on 16th December, 2022.

The HSE advised that it had undertaken all relevant steps to ensure the continuity of the GMS services in the area from Monday 19th December 2022 onwards, whilst we worked through the process of securing a permanent GP for this vacant GMS panel, and that further correspondence would be issued upon the conclusion of the recruitment campaign.

On 16th March 2023, the HSE wrote to the main GMS Cardholders to further update them, that following a recruitment campaign, the HSE had secured a permanent GP for the GMS panel previously held by Dr. Tom Molloy. The correspondence advised that Dr. Nasir Rafique would be contracted to provide GMS GP services as and from 1st May, 2023 and would operate from Charleville Primary Care Centre from this date.

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

Yours sincerely



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