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Mr. Mattie McGrath TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

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To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a full list of all services being offered at St. Brigid's Hospital, Carrick on Suir; the operating hours of each; the number of staff employed in the building; the capacity in which they are employed; the services directly available to the public; the services to which the public must be referred; the referral access for each service; the services which are located at the facility temporarily; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Dear Deputy McGrath,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

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

St. Brigid's Building in Carrick-on Suir

HSE, South East Community Healthcare area remain committed to providing quality community health services for the population of Carrick-on-Suir and the environs.

St. Brigid's is ideally located in close proximity to a state of the art, purpose built Primary Care Centre and thus allows for optimum team co-location as a site for integrated Enhanced Community Care Programme. Community Healthcare Network 5 which encompasses the areas of Carrick-on-Suir/Clonmel/Cahir/Clogheen with staff based in St Brigid's and the Primary Care Centre. The Operational hours of St. Brigid's is 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday for all HSE personnel and referral to the relevant services is via General Practitioner or relevant Clinical Professional.

The following disciplines provide a clinical service within the Primary Care Centre;

- Public Health Nursing
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Dental
- Dietetics
- Safeguarding Social Work
- Outreach Mental Health

Chronic Disease Management Team(CDM):

The CDM Team administrative base is in St. Brigid's with the provision of Chronic Disease outreach to other sites across South Tipperary.

The following staff are currently based in St Brigid's in a permanent capacity.

Post	WTE
Grade VI	1
Clinical Nurse Specialist Respiratory	1
Enhanced Nurse Senior, (Community)/ECC CNS	1
Clinical Nurse Specialist Diabetes	2
Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	Vacant
Physiotherapist, Senior	1
Grade IV	1
Physiotherapist, Senior	Vacant
Grade IV	1
Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	1
Grade IV	1
Physiotherapist, Senior	1
Clinical Nurse Specialist Cardiac	2
Grade V111	1
Senior Dietitian	2
Health promotion	3
Infection Prevention Control Nurse	1
InterRAI	1
GP Lead 0.2 WTE	0.2
Admin CHN	2
Network Manager	1
Total:	24.2

^{*}Note: There is ongoing recruitment to vacant WTE posts

The further development of primary care services for Carrick-on-Suir and its environs will in line with Sláintecare see the further transition of services to a more community orientated local population based approach.

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

Yours sincerely,

Anna Marie Lanigan

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