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Mr. Mattie McGrath TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

PQ 4267/23

To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the plans to provide replacement GPs in a practice in County Tipperary when two GPs retire; the efforts being made to arrange new GPs for the area; 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.

The current GMS GP in Ballingarry has notified the HSE of his intention to retire from the GMS and associated schemes with effect from 31st March 2023.

The vacant GMS post at Ballingarry has been advertised but the HSE have not received any applications to date. If the HSE are unsuccessful at filling the post before the 31st March 2023 the HSE will then take over interim management of this practice from 1st April 2023 where a locum GP service will be available.

The HSE will continue with efforts to recruit a permanent doctor to the practice.

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

Yours sincerely,

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