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Deputy Pádraig MacLochlainn Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is acceptable that ten years since the major flood at Letterkenny University Hospital, the onsite outpatient clinic has not been reinstated at the hospital; and if he ensure that this important clinic is reinstated as soon as possible. —Thomas Pringle

Dear Deputy,

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 the following outlines the position.

The Hospital have not formulated any plans at present to bring the Out Patient Department on site.

Feedback from service users and staff is that it is positive having Out Patients Department off site.

When the Consultant led Teams attend the Out Patient Department they are not called to a ward or interrupted at a clinic.

There are approximately 1,000 attendances at the Out Patient Department every week.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Seán Murphy General Manager

Letterkenny General Hospital