

9th June 2023

Rose Conway Walsh TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Galway

PQ ref 26716/23

To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline plans to reopen community beds in County Mayo and increase home help provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Conway Walsh

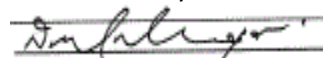
I refer to PQ ref 26716/23 uploaded on the PAD System on the 29th May, 2023 due for response on the 14th June, regarding representation you have made to the Minister of Health regarding plans to reopen community beds in Co. Mayo and increase home help provision and if he will make a statement on the matter. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following outlines the position.

Please be advised that the reopening of community beds in Co. Mayo is dependent on staffing. Community Healthcare West are running a rolling recruitment campaign for nursing staff, we continue to review what services we can provide based on available staffing.

Home Support Services across all Community Healthcare Organisations are finding it extremely challenging to source Health Care Support Assistants (HCSAs). Every effort is being made to recruit staff and there is a rolling recruitment campaign for HCSAs currently underway.

I trust this response addresses the matter you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely



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