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Deputy John Brady TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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Re Ref: PQ 31415/23

To ask the Minister for Health to provide information on the palliative care service in Wicklow; the hours that this service is available; if there are plans to increase the arrangements to 24 hours a day, 7 days per week; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Brady,

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 and Children for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Our Lady's Hospice Wicklow in-patient unit is open 24-hours per day.

The Our Lady's Hospice Wicklow Community Specialist Palliative Care Team's hours of service are 0800hrs to 1800hrs. The service has recently been increased to seven days per week.

There is telephone support and advice provided from the Wicklow Hospice in-patient unit outside of these hours by the in-patient unit nursing team to patients under the care of the Community Specialist Palliative Care Team. There is also medical support available for any enquiries from healthcare professionals from an on-call doctor.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Declan O'Hanlon,
General Manager, Primary Care**