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Mr. Robert Troy T.D.,  
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**Re: Parliamentary Question 12742/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently re-instate primary care services at Clonbrusk Primary Care Centre, Athlone for all service users who have recently had their service transferred to Longford Primary Care Centre; if he is aware that the Primary Care Centre in Longford has had a substantial increase in service users without any additional resources being put in place to this point.**

Dear Deputy Troy

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above question, which you recently submitted. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

The Slaintecare Community Healthcare Network (CHN) model is currently being implemented across CHO8 including Longford and Westmeath. Each CHN will deliver primary healthcare services across a population of approximately 50,000. During the development of this model (2015) healthcare boundaries were agreed after significant mapping of populations, allowing the creation of the healthcare networks to ensure equity in population distributions.

The three networks serving Longford and Westmeath are: Longford/Central Westmeath, East Westmeath and West Westmeath/North Offaly. The implementation of these networks necessitates residents of the network attending primary care appointments in the network itself.

This does mean that some residents who previously would have attended services in Athlone will now be seen within the Network.

Primary Care services in the Longford Central Westmeath Network, while predominantly operating from the Primary Care Centre in Ballyminion, also operate clinic-based services from Ballymahon Medical Centre and Ballymahon Health Centre.

As part of the CHN Model roll out for Longford/Central Westmeath network in line with the revised boundaries and population agreement, 12 additional clinical posts have been developed and added to the Primary Care staffing complement in the Network, for enhanced service provision. At present 7 of the HSCP positions have been recruited.



I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Des O'Flynn', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Des O'Flynn  
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