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Deputy Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Dail Eireann, Leinster house Carlow.

**PQ 49575/23** - To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans for an expanded Caredoc operated service developing an injury clinic for Carlow; if he has had any engagement with stakeholders willing to provide this service; if his Department has undertaken a public service need survey of this in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the current position:

Caredoc is an Out Of Hours Family Doctor service for the provision of urgent medical service outside of normal surgery hours.

Currently there are no current plans to expand the existing Caredoc service to include an Injury Clinic in Carlow, however the HSE engages with Caredoc on a regular basis to review the provision of the Out of Hours service in Carlow and across the South East.

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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