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Deputy Thomas Pringle
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RE: PQ ref 42266/23

There are serious overcrowding issues and chronic waiting times in both Letterkenny and in Sligo Hospital, Emergency Departments and Donegal Town is ideally situated to cover a large area of South and West Donegal and already has a working X-ray machine in place. Most services have moved from Donegal Community Hospital to Donegal Town, Primary Care centre so there is now plenty of room for the Minor Injuries Clinic in Donegal Town Community Hospital

To ask the Minister for Health if he will introduce a minor injuries clinic in the community hospital in Donegal town (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Pringle

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.

Having examined the matter, the following outlines the position for Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan Sligo.

Minor Injury Clinics are nurse-led units that are used for the assessment and treatment of minor injuries. The clinics treat injuries that are unlikely to require hospital admission, such as broken bones, sprains and strains, dislocated limbs, wounds and minor burns.

Minor Injury Clinics are governed and led by acute services, as staff from acute services provide the governance and medical support for these clinics. Currently there are no plans for the development of a separate Minor Injuries Unit in Donegal Town or within Primary Care Centres throughout the county, however this will continue to be reviewed.

I trust that this is of assistance, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

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