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Deputy Duncan Smith
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Dear Deputy Smith

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Questions, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ ref 42723/23

To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the establishment of the national home support office; the number of positions for which funding has been provided; and the number of roles that remain unfilled.

Plans have been developed for the National Home Support Office and a building to lease has been sourced, located in Tullamore, Co. Offaly. The HSE is now progressing under guidance of the HSE Midlands Property Department and a designated Project Manager and legal representatives have been assigned to the project. Efforts specifically underway include increasing the BER rating to a minimum A3 along with efforts to increase compliance standards within the dedicated car parking structure. Due to unforeseen circumstances a delay in commencement of fit out means our anticipated occupation of the office is delayed until Q2 2024.

A number of posts have been recruited for and the team now stands at 6.0WTE.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen Jordan

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