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Re: PQ 40621/23 - "To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on actions being taken by his Department to ensure that the services of a General Practitioner medical doctor remain in Newmarket on Fergus, Co. Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Crowe,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

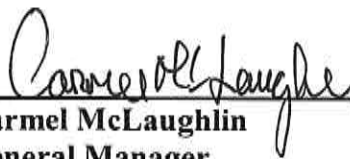
Dr. Colum Gavin of Saffron & Blue Medical Centre has been providing GP services to both private and GMS (medical card) patients from rented accommodation at Carrigoran House, Newmarket on Fergus, Co. Clare. The HSE, in partnership with the GP and Carrigoran House, have secured an extension to this arrangement to allow GP services to be provided from the facility until December 2023.

I can advise that the HSE is actively working on future plans for the location of GP service in Newmarket on Fergus, Co. Clare and engagements involving a broad range of stakeholders are ongoing and they have been positive and constructive.

I can also advise that the HSE is fully committed to the retention of a GP Service in Newmarket on Fergus, Co. Clare and is determined to deliver positive outcomes for the patients attending the practice.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,


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