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Pádraig MacLochlainn T.D.
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Re. PQ 15205/24 - GP services in Churchill and Kilmacrennan

Dear Deputy MacLochlainn

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.

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position for Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan Sligo

Churchill

The GP practice concerned never provided a five-day-a-week doctor's surgery service in Churchill. Prior to Covid, the practice operated a long standing one-hour slot, twice a week between 12 and 1 o'clock on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The GP practice has outlined that the face of modern general practice has changed significantly in recent years and the introduction of the Chronic Disease Programme by the HSE has seen a significant shift in how they, as GPs, are expected to manage long-term illness in general practice.

The HSE will attempt to continue to negotiate with the practice to see how a service can be reinstated to Churchill in the near future

In the meantime, the Churchill Health Centre remains open, with Public Health Nurse services currently running lactation clinics, wound clinics and child developmental at the centre.

Kilmacrennan

Since 29th January 2024, patients that had previously been attending GP services in Kilmacrennan Health Centre are being seen at Milford Health Centre.

The HSE wish to reassure patients that the same level of GP services will be provided at Milford Health Centre. To ensure this, the HSE has developed an additional clinic room in Milford Health Centre to facilitate patients who would occasionally attend for their appointments in Kilmacrennan.

Patients are being asked to only contact the Milford Health Centre on 074 9153144 if they require a service from their GP.

The HSE have organised a Local Link Bus Service to operate from the Termon / Kilmacrennan area to Milford each Tuesday and Friday morning. Where possible a door-to-door pick-up service is being provided, commencing at 9:00 am with return from Milford Health Centre at 1:00 pm. Seats



must be pre-booked by 4.30 pm the evening before by contacting TFI Local Link on 074 97 41644. Where applicable, the Free Travel Pass can be utilised.

The HSE wishes to apologise for any inconvenience caused to patients and will work to ensure the smooth implementation of this change.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mandy Doyle".

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