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Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ 15747/24 - "To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider rolling out public health nurse clinics in areas not covered by a service (Clarecastle Village, Co. Clare); and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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.

The Director of Public Health Nursing (DPHN) has confirmed that the Public Health Nursing (PHN) team who cover Clarecastle and the surrounding areas relocated to the Primary Care Centre, Station Road, Ennis in December 2022.

The PHN team continue to provide a full range of PHN services to the population of Clarecastle and surrounding areas. PHN clinics are facilitated at the Primary Care Centre and home visits are arranged for patients who need to be seen in their own home.

The DPHN has advised that the PHN service have access to state of the art clinical rooms within the Primary Care Centre. The clinical rooms were designed to a very high standard and meet all recommended Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) guidelines required for such facilities. The PHNs use the clinical rooms when they are carrying out patient/client assessments, wound care procedures etc.

The DPHN has also advised that other Primary Care Services (e.g. Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Podiatry etc.) are also located within the Primary Care Centre and can be accessed by patients if they require same.

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

Yours sincerely,

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