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Deputy Duncan Smith Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

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"To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE plans to establish a minor injuries clinic on the Inishowen Peninsula, County Donegal"

Dear Deputy Smith

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.

Minor Injury Units 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 Units are governed and led by acute services, as staff from acute services provide the governance and medical support for these units. There are currently no plans in place to establish a minor injuries unit on the Inishowen Peninsula. Where a Minor Injury Unit to be introduced and co-located with an X-Ray Department, it would require discussion and integration with the local Primary Care Centre, Older Persons Services and Acute Services.

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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