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Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare St., Dublin 2

Re: PQ 10445/24 - "To ask the Minister for Health the hours of service for each GP practice in Co. Clare, in tabular form; 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.

I can advise that there are 50 General Practitioners (GPs) in Co. Clare, who hold a GMS contract with the HSE. I can also advise that under their GMS contract, the operating times for these GPs is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Monday to Friday.

A number of GP Practices close for a half day (once a week). These practices have an arrangement in place with the other GP practices in the local area, whereby, they provide cross cover for each other as required.

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

Yours sincerely,

Carmel McLaughlin General Manager

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