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RE: PQ ref 15089/25
To ask the Minister for Health the details on the situation in Rosmuc, Leitir Mealláin and Carraroe with regard to ensuring a locum is in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Farrell

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can confirm that one General Practitioner in An Cheathrú Rua Health Centre was on annual leave the week beginning Monday, 24th March.

The four G.P. practices in the area of An Cheathrú Rua, Leitir Móir and Rosmuc, Co. Galway are providing patient cover to the patients of the GP who is on annual leave. There is full cover to the patients of the practice every day by the other three G.P. practices in the area.

Due to the need for GPs to avail of annual leave, and due to difficulties experienced by them in obtaining locum cover, the GPs in South Connemara agreed to provide cover for each other for one week's annual leave each between February and May 2025. Posters outlining the dates that the GPs in question would be availing of leave, together with details of the doctors providing cover in their absence, have been displayed in the GP surgeries for the past number of weeks. Additionally, on the days that the individual GP is on leave, a detailed message is left on the answering machine in the surgery confirming which GP is providing cover. Therefore a service is available at all times, and the patients have been informed of the arrangements that have been put in place.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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