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To ask the Minister for Health if an afterhours doctor service can be provided in a town in Kildare. KDoc to have a dedicated after-hours service in the town of Athy, in the purpose-built health centre on the Dublin Road in the town, given the growth in population in the town and its hinterland, previously it was indicated that they would provide this service on a call only basis and if she will make a statement on the matter.

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Dear Deputy Wall,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you regarding your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm that for a large number of GPs in the Kildare area, including Athy, out of hours services are provided via KDoc, who are based in Vista Primary Care Centre, Naas, Co Kildare. It is not currently viable to provide a 2nd location for out of hours services for GP's who are partnered with KDoc. Some GPs operate independent of the KDoc service and may provide services in another location. Patients whose GP is a member of KDoc must travel to Naas, Co. Kildare in order to obtain GP out of hours urgent services, where the facility is also co-located with a pharmacy that opens from 8 am to 12 midnight 7 days a week. This matter will remain under consideration by Primary Care in conjunction with the service provider and GP colleagues.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Yours sincerely,**

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