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**PQ37177/25** - *"To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 663 of 14 May 2024, has the position of CHO DNCC changed regarding plans to develop phlebotomy, x-ray or diagnostic services in Balbriggan CHN; and if she will make a statement on the matter"* - **Louise O'Reilly TD**

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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

Further to Parliamentary Question No. 663 of 14 May 2024, I wish to advise the development of phlebotomy, x-ray, or diagnostic services in Balbriggan has not changed.

These services continue to be reviewed in line with broader service planning, resource availability, and national policy priorities. While the growing population and associated healthcare needs in the Balbriggan Network area is acknowledged, any decisions regarding the development or expansion of diagnostic services, including phlebotomy and x-ray, must be considered within the context of overall service demands, capital planning processes, and clinical prioritisation frameworks and governance.

The HSE is committed to exploring opportunities to enhance local access to services and continue to advocate for developments that align with Sláintecare principles of delivering safe integrated care closer to home.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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