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**RE: PQ37720/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health if she will address the lack of access to manual lymphatic drainage (MLD) therapy for lymphedema patients across County Roscommon, where no physiotherapists within the HSE service are currently trained to provide this essential treatment; if funding constraints are the cause of this service gap; and if she will ensure that all patients in Roscommon have equitable access to MLD, including the possibility of accessing services in nearby centres such as Sligo, Leitrim, Offaly, Westmeath & Galway regardless of county boundaries.**

Dear Deputy Daly

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.

Due to ongoing staffing challenges and the lack of approval to recruit additional personnel, North Roscommon and East Galway Services are currently operating at a Priority 1 (P1) service level only. As a consequence, specialised physiotherapy services have been paused.

At present, there is no physiotherapist employed to provide lymphedema care. This is primarily due to recruitment restrictions under the Pay and Numbers Strategy, along with a broader reduction in the use of agency staff.

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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