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Deputy Michael Lowry Abbey Road, Thurles Co. Tipperary

Re: PQ 29928/25 - <u>"To ask the Minister for Health the hours in which ShannonDoc operates</u> in Roscrea, Co. Tipperary; if she will provide a breakdown of each day that the ShannonDoc service did not open during its advertised opening hours between 1st January 2024 and 31st May 2025; the reasons no service was provided on each of those days; what efforts are being made to ensure that a full service is being provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Lowry,

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.

Please see below the operating times for the ShannonDoc Treatment Centres (including Roscrea) in Nth. Tipperary as per the ShannonDoc website:

Nenagh	Roscrea	Thurles
Operating Hours	Operating Hours	Operating Hours
Monday - Thursday : 18:00pm - 08:00am	Monday - Friday : 18:00pm - 23:00pm	Monday - Friday : 18:00pm - 23:00pm
Neekends : 18:00pm Friday - 08:00am Monday	Saturday & Sunday : 9:00am - 22:00pm	Saturday & Sunday : 9:00am - 22:00pm
Bank Holidays : 18:00pm - 08:00am	Bank Holidays : 9:00am - 22:00pm	Bank Holidays : 9:00am - 22:00pm
Address	Address	Address
Wilton Medical Centre	Cre House,	Thurles Primary Care Centre,
Gortlandroe,	Roscrea Primary Care Centre	Mitchel Street,
Nenagh,	Templemore Rd (N62),	Monacocka,
County Tipperary.	Roscrea,	Thurles,
	County Tipperary.	County Tipperary.
GPS Coordinates		
52.871461, -8.215537	GPS Coordinates	GPS Coordinates
Eircode	52.940182, -7.78832	52.681998, 7.804577
E45 KR91	Eircode	Eircode
	E53 X461	E41 R1X3

Strictly by appointment only. Please call 0818 123500

Please note: The Treatment Centres at Roscrea and Thurles are Regional Treatment Centres and while there is a doctor assigned to these areas, they may not be onsite at all times, as they could be carrying out a home visit or attending a patient in a nursing home. Following clinical triage, the patient will be offered an appointment at their local Regional Treatment Centre or at the Core Treatment Centre (Nenagh), where there is a doctor on duty at all times available to see patients if and when required.



ShannonDoc confirmed that every patient who contacts the Out of Hours Service will receive a full clinical assessment by the Nurse, free of charge. Following clinical triage by the nurse the patient will be offered an appointment at their local Regional Treatment Centre or the Core Treatment Centre. Alternatively, ShannonDoc will arrange a home visit or virtual consultation if it is deemed more appropriate for the patient.

In addition, where there are increased demands in certain areas or at certain times, support teams can be deployed from other locations providing an overall borderless service and ensuring services are provided where most needed. The delivery of quality clinical care remains the priority for ShannonDoc Out of Hours Service.

ShannonDoc have confirmed that the Treatment Centre in Roscrea was not closed on any day during the period queried above, 1st January 2024 to 31st May 2025, when it was scheduled to be in operation.

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

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Costello Head of Service Primary Care