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PQ 30017/25 – *“To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the current suspension of development checks for babies, other than new-borns, in the Killester and Millmount area, due to reported staff shortages among public health nurses; if she will outline the steps being taken to address the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter*
- Barry Hennigan TD

Dear Deputy Heneghan,

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.

Killester and Millmount area are receiving a full service for all children under the guidance of the National Health Childhood Programme.

The staffing situation is monitored closely to ensure the safest possible cover is provided on a day to day basis. We allocate additional emergency staffing resource to bring the networks to a sufficient safe level.

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

Yours sincerely,

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