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**Re:** ***PQ 31419/25** - To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an updated position on the future of the physiotherapy service currently based at a location (details supplied); if she is aware that the service remains at risk due to the planned demolition of its existing premises and the absence of a confirmed alternative location; noting previous meetings and ongoing discussions regarding the matter, if she will outline the current status of efforts by the HSE to identify and secure a suitable local facility to ensure the continuation of the service in Longford and avoid displacement of staff and service users to Athlone or Mullingar; and if she will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Carrigy,

Thank you for your query. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above representation, which you recently submitted. In preparing this response your representation has been discussed with the relevant Managers. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 the physiotherapy services were relocated, as a result of a HIQA inspection (December 2024) findings. The service was located in the 'therapies section' of St Joseph's Care Centre and was relocated to Our Lady's Unit 2, on the St Joseph's campus. The construction of a 43 bed extension and ancillary accommodation is currently underway on this site and as part of this project, Our Lady's Unit 2 is scheduled for demolition in August.

An extensive feasibility study was carried out looking at several accommodation options to maintain the physiotherapy service in Longford. A site has been identified and the Physiotherapy Department will be relocated to the church on St Joseph's Campus, Longford. The church and other services will be relocated to the former Physiotherapy Department.

The current physiotherapy services are fully operational from St. Joseph's Care Centre. Short term alternative accommodation is in place to allow time for the relocation of services. To date there has been no reduction in physiotherapy services and every effort will be made to maintain delivery of services during the relocation of the department.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.



Yours sincerely,

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