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Mr. Micheál Carrigy T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 24411/25

To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the future of the physiotherapy service currently based in St. Joseph's Campus in Longford town; if she is aware that the service is at risk of closure due to the demolition of its current premises and the absence of an alternative location; the steps the HSE is taking to secure a new facility locally to prevent the displacement of staff and services to Athlone or Mullingar; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Carrigy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows;

St Joseph's Care Centre in Longford received a non-compliance following an inspection by HIQA in October 2024 with regard to the general public accessing the Designated Centre necessitating restrictive controlled access to the CNU resulting in restrictive movement for the residents. As part of the improvement plan a commitment was given to HIQA supporting free access of their home which is the designated centre. In order to achieve this, alternative access to the therapy services was required. OPS worked with PC services to provide short term alternative accommodation to allow for time to source a longer term solution. This work is ongoing and to date there has been no reduction in physiotherapy services.

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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