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Mr. Mattie McGrath
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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PQ 56968/25

To ask the Minister for Health the reason Our Lady's Hospital, Cashel does not have a GP service, a dietician and access to a physical therapist (details supplied), and when the hospital can expect to receive permanent residence of these services.

Details supplied: The hospital has a locum doctor, but locum doctors cannot process medical cards as GPs can

Dear Deputy M. McGrath,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

Cashel Residential Older Persons Services including the rehabilitation unit recognise the requirement to have a full Multidisciplinary Team in order to ensure continuity of care and the best rehabilitation outcome. When posts such as the Medical Officer post is vacant agency staff may be used as an interim measure until the posts are filled on a permanent basis. Filling of posts is determined by a number of factors including approved funding for the post, HR capacity to open up recruitment campaigns and post recruitment processes such as Garda vetting and references. Therefore timelines on filling specific posts can be difficult to define.

I trust this clarifies. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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