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Deputy Sean Sherlock Dáil Eireann, Dublin 2.

## PQ ref 15298/24

To ask the Minister for Health if an out of hours GP service KDOC located in Naas co Kildare, can have an outreach afterhours service be extended to the primary care centre in Athy co Kildare; his plans to extend the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Sherlock

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 a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm the GP of Hours Service does not hold a clinic in Athy Health Centre. It has been deemed that there is insufficient demand for additional GP out-of-hours services in this location. Patients requiring the services of a GP out of hours travel primarily to the Kdoc service provided in Vista Primary Care Centre in Naas, Co. Kildare. This location also has a pharmacy co-located which is opened from 8 am to 12 midnight 7 days a week.

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

Yours sincerely,

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