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PQ 19468/24: To ask the Minister for Health when the Saolta University Healthcare Group will meet with TDs, Senators and HSE forum county councillors in County Donegal to update them on the progress made in addressing the grave concerns of over 100 GPs and hospital consultants in the county about the level of health services being provided at Letterkenny University Hospital and the solutions that they had put forward late last year; and if the Saolta University Healthcare Group will commit to a dedicated meeting with those County Donegal public representatives every three months to update them further on the progress made, as previously committed to. -Pádraig Mac Lochlainn

Dear Deputy MacLochlainn,

Thank you for your parliamentary query above and apologies for the delay in responding. A meeting was held virtually on Monday 29th April and all public representatives from the North West as a group were invited.

I believe the best way to facilitate this meeting on health services in Donegal is through the Integrated Health Areas, which are currently being set up as part of the new health structures.

The newly formed HSE West and North West region, which is overseen by the Regional Executive Officer, will be further divided into Integrated Health Areas (IHA).

Each IHA will have responsibility for all health functions across a smaller geographical area. We anticipate that these Integrated Health Areas will be stood up in the autumn.

We propose that a meeting of the IHA lead overseeing health services in Donegal be arranged with public representatives once these structures are fully in place.

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Cosgrove', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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