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Mr. Barry Cowen T.D.,  
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**Re: PQ 8117/24 – To ask the Minister for Health for an update on when the registrations office in the Health Centre in Tullamore will reopen**

Dear Deputy Cowen,

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

The Civil Registration Office in Tullamore is an important service and every effort has been made to keep the service open. The filling of the Civil Registration staff in Tullamore are among our Primary Care Service priority posts to be recruited in 2024.

We have worked to progress to fill positions but as you may be aware the recent recruitment pause has limited our ability to do so. Current industrial action also challenges our regional ability to fill vacancies during this temporary period.

In the interim, we would like to reassure the public that the Civil Registration service in the Midlands offers alternative access to its services. The public can purchase a certificate by phoning 090 6424601 or 090 6424884. Members of the public can also make an appointment to register a birth, death or marriage in the Mullingar, Portlaoise or Longford office by phoning 090 6424601 or 090 6424884.

We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience this temporary closure will cause the people of Offaly and the HSE remains committed to re-open the office early in 2024 as staffing levels allow.



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

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Ruane', written over a horizontal line.

Joseph Ruane

Head of Primary Care Services, CHO8