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Ms Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, T.D.
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin

PQ 2978/24: To ask the Minister for Health if his Department plans to reopen the x-ray clinic and dental clinic in St. Dympnas Hospital, Carlow which have been closed for remodelling and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

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.

St. Dympna's Dental Services was closed due to a positive legionella finding in the water system. On investigation, it was found to be as a result of the old piping structure within the building. Works to address this issue are now complete and the piping tests for legionella are currently negative.

With respect to the general X-Ray service the works are complete in the X-ray department in Carlow and the x-ray service is currently operational.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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