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Mr Colm Burke, TD,
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PQ 4195/24 *"To ask the Minister for Health what measures are being taken to replace GP service in Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15 since Centric Health in Tyrrelstown Medical Centre has closed having been in operation since 2005 because it could not recruit a principal GP; and if he will make a statement on the matter."* **Colm Burke, TD**

Dear Deputy Burke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Tyrrelstown Medical Centre is a private practice and in this regard the HSE are not in a position to comment on its closure.

General Practitioners (GPs) are independent contractors they are not employees of the HSE. They are responsible for the daily routine management of their own general practice including the registration of new patients.

If clients are experiencing difficulty with accessing General Medical Services (GMS) or GP, and have been refused an appointment three times, they can write to the GP's Assignment Officer in the Medical Card Unit. The contact details for the GP Assignment office is NMCU.GPassignment@hse.ie. The Primary Care Unit provide a current list of registered GMS GPs within the Dublin 7 area, please see attached.

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

Yours sincerely,

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