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***To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the problem facing a GP's surgery (Details Supplied); the efforts being made to provide residents with a general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Details; GP in Castlebridge, Co Wexford has relocated and will a Doctor be allocated to the Castlebridge area considering there is 2,500 people in the area and this is increasing every year considering the number of houses been built..***

Dear Deputy Kehoe,

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.*

There is currently no GMS Vacancy in Castlebridge Health Centre, Castlebridge, Co. Wexford. In February 2021, Dr Olivia Barry was appointed by the HSE to a GMS Vacancy in Wexford town arising from the retirement of Dr. Bowe. However, due to the non-availability of suitable premises within Wexford town at this time, the HSE facilitated a temporary relocation to Castlebridge Health Centre for Dr Barry.

My understanding is following an extensive property search Dr. Barry secured suitable accommodation in Wexford town and her practice commenced operating from these premises in February 2024. General Practitioner services continue to be available to the patients of Dr. Barry from her premises in Wexford town.

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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