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Deputy Pearse Doherty Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

PQ ref 10926/24 "To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that without HSE funding a pastoral centre that provides counselling to people, including a family member of a victim of the Creeslough tragedy, is to close in two weeks; if the HSE plans to prevent this closure from happening; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Doherty

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The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above representation, which you submitted to the Chief Officer Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan Sligo for response.

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position for Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan Sligo.

I can confirm that the HSE continues to engage with Raphoe Pastoral Centre and TUSLA, and completion of an Optional Appraisal is at an advanced stage. The HSE remains fully committed to finding solutions in collaboration with TUSLA and Raphoe Pastoral Centre.

Although the HSE is not in a position to discuss individual cases, I can advise that all those in Creeslough affected by the Creeslough tragedy will continue to be offered psychosocial support.

I trust that this is of assistance, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

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