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To ask the Minister for Health if, following the closure of the medical clinic in Emly, the HSE would consider running a monthly clinic in the building, with a nurse to take bloods, and so on, for older local residents, who are otherwise forced to attend GPs and run the risk of picking up an illness/infection or travelling a greater distance to Tipperary town; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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.

The residents of Emly and the wider population receive the majority of their health services within the Primary Care Centre in Tipperary Town which includes General Practitioners, Public Health Nurses and other Health & Social Care professionals. General Practitioners organise phlebotomy services within their practice at specific times to ensure timely delivery to the laboratory. Patient blood results are then sent electronically and directly to their GP for review and follow up with patients. The management of patient records is a matter for the GP practice.

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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