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**Re PQ ref 1873/25: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the future of a service (details supplied); and details on the staff who have been employed in this service.**

Dear Deputy Troy,

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 outlined the position as follows.

I can advise that since the HSE Management met with St Loman's Laundry Staff in September 2024 that a project group has been stood up to advance the various aspects of the reconfiguration of laundry services. The work of this group includes looking at procurement requirements for the provision of Laundry Services, the redeployment of staff and the short term management of the laundry service in the context of machine breakdown and poor working conditions. Staff will be engaged with on an individual basis in the coming months with the view to alternative opportunities within HSE Services. The Pensions Department has also been contacted to offer support to Laundry Staff to consider their options. The unions for the Laundry Staff are being kept abreast of any developments.

It would not be appropriate to provide details on individual staff who are employed in the Laundry Service at this time.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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