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PQ 40916/20: To ask the Minister for Health the organisations other than the HSE that have been operating within the HSE Keltoi facility in the Phoenix Park since March 2020; the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith

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. Keltoi Residential Unit previously provided a residential rehabilitation programme to service users as a follow on to participants completing a residential detox programme. In March 2020, in line with Public Health Guidance, residential detox programmes and residential rehabilitation programmes throughout the country suspended the intake of new participants into their programmes. As part of the Covid-19 plan for Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County, a decision was made that the Keltoi facility should be used as part of our critical response to the challenge of Covid-19 in our area.

During the period March – June 2020, the Covid-19 isolation facility in the Keltoi building was supported by Coolmine Drug Rehabilitation Centre staff who were redeployed as their treatment services were required to close due to Government guidance. Since July 2020, Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT) services have operated the Covid-19 isolation facility in Keltoi on behalf of the HSE.

The facility in Keltoi provides a specific Social Inclusion response to the management of Covid-19 in the area that cannot be met within other services that have been set up by the HSE.

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

Yours sincerely

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