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Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett
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PQ Number: 42384/20

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above referenced Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health. The question concerned was referred to the Contact Management Programme, HSE, for review and direct response. Our response to the PQ concerned is set out below.

Question: To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the Limerick contact tracing centre is run; the persons in charge of the centre; the credentials of the persons; if they are employees of the HSE; the details of the clinical lead; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Response:

The National Contact Management Programme is run by Dr. Stephanie O'Keeffe, National Director. In addition, there is an Assistant National Director responsible for overall Contact Tracing Centre Operations. We operate a hub and spoke model within a national clinical and operational framework. All CTCs, with newly recruited staff are focused on training and high quality service delivery while they are also responsible for building out the national model and developing closer local ties with regional department's of public health. The overall clinical lead for the contact management programme is Dr. Sarah Doyle, specialist in public health medicine. Sarah works in the CMP with a multi-disciplinary team to develop work instructions, informed by NPHET recommendations and ensure the service operating to a high standard and interrupting disease transmission.

In the Limerick Contact Tracing Centre, there is an Operational Lead, and a deputy lead. There are clinical supervisors and operations support posts. The Limerick Contact Tracing Centre is located in four buildings, all in immediate proximity to each other. In three sites we have dedicated HSE Contact Tracing staff (contracted). One of the buildings is occupied by The Revenue Commissioners as they have twenty three staff supporting the Contact Tracing Centre on an ongoing basis.

The lead for the centre is a HSE general manager with sixteen years experience in senior management roles in the HSE, as well as management and leadership experience in multinational companies. The operational team includes nursing clinical and administrative staff, complimented by a number of team leads. The contact tracing staff have a skills mix spread across clinical and non-clinical staff. The majority of contact tracing staff have been provided through agency vendors. The HSE is responsible for governance and management of the service.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.



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Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office on 01 6352041 or via email strategicplanning@hse.ie.

Yours sincerely,

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