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**RE: PQ 43111 / 20**

*To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE Midwest CHO3 is cancelling clinical agency staff hired to perform swabbing, while it is seeking assistance from the Defence Forces and the National Ambulance Service and redeploying primary care staff at overtime rates; if so, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

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Dear Deputy McNamara,

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 is the HSE Mid West position.

I can confirm that in the HSE Mid West Community Healthcare Area that clinical agency staff were not cancelled while Covid testing had the support of NAS and the Defence Forces. Primary Care staff were not redeployed on overtime rates. Any staff that were redeployed to support COVID testing worked their normal hours and were paid at their normal rate of pay.

I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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**Anne Ryan**  
Head of Service  
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