



22nd December 2020

Deputy Denis Naughten,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 43475/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the steps which will be taken to ensure the HSE has the capacity to process primary medical certs from 1 January 2020; the outcome of the meeting on 9 December 2020 between Minister of State with responsibility for Disability at his Department and the Department of Justice and the Secretary General; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Denis Naughten

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

The HSE will have plans in place which will address the requirement to process primary medical certificates within each Community Healthcare Organisation once we have been formally advised by the Department of Finance that the necessary amendments have been made to the Finance Bill.

As the HSE were not in attendance at the referenced meeting Minister of State with responsibility for Disability at his Department and the Department of Justice and the Secretary General, and as a result are not in a position to comment on this.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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