



Ms. Louise O'Reilly TD.

Dail Eireann

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Re: PQ 12852/20

To ask the Minister for Health if all non-consultant hospital doctors currently working in the health service or that had previously worked in the service that were dealing with Covid-19, will be offered full-time contracts to stay working in the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly

I refer to above PQ12852/20 to the Minister for Health which has been passed to the HSE for reply.

During the initial stages of the Covid pandemic, the HSE implemented robust resourcing strategies which included redeployment across the broader health and civil services, rehiring of retired clinicians, increasing hours of part time staff and encouraging staff on career break to return early. This also included recruitment both locally and nationally.

The resourcing strategies inclusive of extending contracts of NCHDs and all other clinical grades is a matter that is being dealt with on a case by case basis by the hospitals and CHOs and is dictated by the service requirements and the behaviour of the virus

Yours sincerely,

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