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PQ 4995/20: To ask the Minister for Health if reassurance will be provided to the staff at a facility (details supplied) that once the current health emergency has alleviated they will be permitted to return to their place of work – Gary Gannon

DETAILS: Keltoi substance misuse and alcohol residential facility located at St. Mary's hospital, Phoenix Park. There is an anxiety amongst staff at this service that the centre will cease to operate long term and this has been intensified through the unwillingness of those in authority to provide written guarantees that the centre will be returned to normal once the crisis around Covid-19 has passed.

Dear Deputy Gannon,

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 provided a residential rehabilitation programme to service users as follow on to participants completing a residential detox programme. As part of the HSE response to Covid-19, services provided by Keltoi were suspended so the facility could be used as part of our critical response to the challenge of Covid19 in our area.

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. The requirement for the use of Keltoi as Covid-19 response will be continually reviewed but it is anticipated that Keltoi would be required for the foreseeable future.

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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