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Re: 26128 PQ ref 5802/20

'To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons tested for Covid-19 in each residential centre for persons with a disability in CHO9; the number of persons that tested positive for Covid-19 in each of these settings; and the new measures in place to reduce infection and protect staff and residents - Mary Lou McDonald.'

Dear Deputy,

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.

Number of persons tested for Covid-19 785

Number of persons tested positive for Covid-19 16

Measures in place to reduce infection and protect staff and patients

Disability Services who provide residential facilities for persons with a disability, have implemented a number of infection control measures to help contain and manage the spread of Covid-19 supporting staff and service users at the same time.

Organisational Measures

- All staff wear face masks when unable to practice social distancing.
- PPE available for low and high contact.
- Twice daily staff temperature check.
- Isolation centres developed.
- Establishment of an Outbreak Control Teams.
- Staff Training and videos on Hand Hygiene and PPE.
- Information Resource Packs are available for PIC's (Person's in Charge) via Livebinders
- Development of Covid-19 download section on intranet for staff to access on all current Covid-19 related information.

Service User Specific Measures

- Multidisciplinary Team supports for service users.
- The availability of Easy to Read documents to support service users.
- Risk Assessments of Service Users.
- Service users with co-morbidities identified.
- Ethical Framework for Decision Making.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,



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