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**PQ 8073/20: To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE addiction tier 4 residential service (details supplied) will be re-opened; if the asymptomatic persons presently accommodated in the facility would be better accommodated in other facilities that are available to house same in order that this facility be re-opened as soon as possible to help reduce the risk of deaths from substance misuse and underlying mental issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Dessie Ellis**

*DETAILS: Keltoi at St. Mary's Hospital in the Phoenix Park for substance misuse and alcohol – Dual Diagnosis when will be reopened having closed on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to be utilised as a step-down facility for asymptomatic persons during the Covid-19 pandemic. Other facilities such as hotels.*

Dear Deputy Ellis,

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 Covid-19 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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