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Deputy Matt Carthy,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

***PQ 32501/20 - To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide additional healthcare worker accommodation across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter? -Matt Carthy***

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Dear Deputy Carthy,

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.

At present there is sufficient temporary staff accommodation capacity to meet the demands of healthcare workers who require temporary staff accommodation. The temporary staff accommodation scheme for Healthcare Workers will continue as long as we are in a Covid-19 environment, there is demand and staff meet the eligibility criteria as summarised below;

- Healthcare Workers
  - whose family members are self-isolating and who are therefore not able to return home
  - who are living with vulnerable persons
  - who require emergency accommodation due to urgent response or mitigating factors
  - who require accommodation in order to facilitate rosters
  - returning from overseas who are contracted to work and require temporary accommodation (following the required period of self-isolation)
  - who reside in congregated domestic living arrangements e.g. hostels, direct provision centres etc

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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