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Deputy Dara Calleary
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref: 33454/20 "To ask the Minister for Health his plans for using district and community hospitals in the fight against Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Dara Calleary"

Dear Deputy Calleary,

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.

The use of District and community Hospitals falls under the remit of the Chief Officer for each Community Healthcare Organisation. This information is not collected nationally and doing so would be a considerable undertaking requiring significant resources which are not currently available due to on-going internal pressures as a result of Covid-19.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Tuohy".

Sandra Tuohy
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