

25th November 2020

Deputy Fergus O'Dowd
Dáil Éireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 38732/20

Question: “To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the percentage DNAs who do not attend following appointments at testing centres for Covid-19 by testing centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

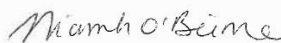
Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

I wish to advise that we do not collate the data as requested per testing centre but nationally there is currently a 15% DNA rate for Covid-19 tests. It is important to note that not attending for a test does not necessarily indicate a refusal on behalf of the individual to participate in testing. There are a variety of reasons why people do not attend and even if a person does not attend for a test, if they restrict their movements for 14 days, they are complying with the most important Public Health advice.

I trust this addresses your question.

Yours sincerely,



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