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Deputy Sorca Clarke,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 27709/20 - To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the roadmap for returning staff redeployed to Covid-19 duties back to their previous positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Sorca Clarke

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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 key document in terms of returning staff to their substantive posts is titled "Service Continuity in a Covid Environment. A Strategic Framework for Delivery".

This framework document was prepared in June 2020 and provides the framework for staff to return to their substantive posts from Covid related work.

A link to the document is provided below:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/service-continuity-in-a-covid-environment-a-strategic-framework-for-delivery1.pdf>

Implementing a road map for staff to return to their substantive posts is a priority for Community Services that is being balanced with the rapidly escalating requirements for Community Testing. HR Community Operations have given a commitment to the Trade Unions to agree a plan for this framework as soon as practicable

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Maurice Farnan,
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