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Deputy Sorca Clarke
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Dail Eireann
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PQ 30644/20: To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE waited 13 days to inform the manager of a centre (details supplied) following a suspected Covid-19 case that the other members of a class at the centre needed to isolate for 14 days from the day of contact; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The above PQ has been forwarded to my office for direct response to you on same.

There have been two cases of COVID-19 associated with the Mullingar Arts Centre.

Public Health was informed of a case by the Contact Tracing Centre on the 18th of September. Contact was made with the Mullingar Arts Centre on the same day, the 18th of September by Public Health.

During enquiries about this case, it came to light that there was an earlier case who attended Mullingar Arts Centre while infectious on the 5th of September.

Public Health did not contact Mullingar Arts Centre about this earlier case, at the time, because they did not know about it.

The parents of the child did not inform the Contact Tracing Centre or Public Health, while the family outbreak was being investigated, about the child's attendance at this location at that time.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Kelleher', with a horizontal line underneath.

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