

5th May, 2021

Thomas Gould, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ Ref 19259/21

"To ask the Minister for Health if SouthDoc has outlined criteria by which it will judge the deterioration of the Covid-19 situation and withdraw the planned reopening of SouthDoc in Blackpool, Cork."

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"To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE have queried the timeline given by Southdoc for the reopening of their Blackpool facility given they met on 30 March 2021 and only intend to open the facility at the end of April 2021."

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) was advised by SouthDoc on 22nd April 2021 that the Blackpool treatment centre would be available for appointments the following week.

SouthDoc have confirmed to CKCH that they plan to restore out-of-hours GP services at the Blackpool centre to pre-Covid-19 levels. CKCH welcome this development and look forward to receiving the full details on how and when this restoration will take place.

The HSE appreciates that in line with its own services, providing services must be done in a stepped way similar to the relaxation of restrictions in line with public health.

If I can be of any further assistance please let me know.

Yours sincerely,



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