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Deputy Pa Daly
Dáil Éireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

PQ 19684/21 “To ask the Minister for Health the person or body that retains the legal rights to transcripts, standard operating procedures and other intellectual property developed in the course of the track and trace programme.”

Dear Deputy Daly,

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 confirm the Health Service Executive own any intellectual property developed by or on behalf of the Contact Management Programme (CMP). This requirement is covered in the HSE's standard contract terms and conditions and apply across the HSE, not just to National Test and Trace, which the CMP is one part of. These records would be subject to sharing/release under the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations and the Freedom of Information Act 2014 as standard.

There would be exceptions to this position in relation to the commissioning of research, for example, research projects being undertaken by academic institutions in relation to the work of the CMP, or other research commissioned by the HSE. The knowledge/ intellectual property generated by them under the relevant research project will belong to the academic institution which is again a standard part of the contractual process for the commissioning of research, inside and outside of the HSE.

I trust this addresses your question.

Yours sincerely,

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