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To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to designate Covid-19 specific hospitals in order that other hospitals would be available to deal with all non-Covid-19 health issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Harkin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Response:

Current clinical guidance to acute hospitals outlines the need to develop Covid and non Covid pathways for the delivery of clinical services. These include

- streaming into COVID and non-COVID pathways in the ED
- separated pathways for COVID and non-COVID in-patients

Interim guidance has been developed in the context of all scheduled services for the resumption of activity including outpatients, and has been issued to all hospital groups/hospitals to support the resumption of scheduled care. This guidance outlined the measures that need to be undertaken to ensure safety for both patients and staff and vary depending on the type of appointment or treatment the patient is receiving. Key advice for both patients and staff has been provided depending on the above relating to measures required during the various steps in the patient journey.

This guidance is available in full at the following link <https://hse.drsteevenslibrary.ie/Covid19V2>

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Emma Benton', with a small flourish at the end.

Emma Benton

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