



**6<sup>th</sup> May, 2021**

Ms. Catherine Connolly T.D.  
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**Re: PQ 21990/21**

PQ 21990/21– “To ask the Minister for Health if each CHO area operates the same system for healthcare workers to access and avail of the temporary accommodation scheme; if each CHO area requires healthcare workers to complete the same form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy,

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

The national guidance document was developed to provide a single process for each CHO area, Hospital Group and National Ambulance Service to follow for healthcare workers to access and avail of the temporary accommodation scheme.

Each area operates the same system for healthcare workers to avail of the scheme. Each CHO area is required to complete the same referral form as set out in the national guidance document. In line with good governance procedures, the temporary accommodation is booked by a healthcare worker using the referral form and is signed off by a local line manager.

Yours sincerely,

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