



15th February, 2021

Deputy Róisín Shortall
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Dublin 2

Re: PQ 5750/21

5750/21 – “To ask the Minister for Health if a hotel (details supplied) is still in use as an isolation facility; the number of persons who have used the hotel as an isolation facility in each of the past ten months; the capacity of the hotel as an isolation facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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

The HSE’s Self-Isolation Facility at the Citywest Hotel opened to admissions on 1st April 2020 under the governance of HSE Community Operations. The service is provided for people affected by COVID-19 (confirmed or suspected cases, or close contacts of confirmed cases) who have the capacity for self-management, are required to self-isolate but are unable to do so. The purpose of the unit is to provide a safe environment for residents to self-isolate and to minimise the risk of community transmission of COVID-19. Referrals to this facility are made by a discharging hospital, GP, Public Health doctor, contact tracing team or other appropriate medical physician via a dedicated email using a standard referral form.

Additionally, a HSE Healthcare Worker Self-Isolation pathway at Citywest opened to admissions on 1st June 2020 under the governance of HSE Community Operations. This service is provided for Healthcare Workers who are contracted to commence employment with the HSE, HSE funded agencies or any agency providing healthcare services in Ireland. Referrals are made by Public Health doctors, Occupational Health, HR departments and GPs via a dedicated email using a standard referral form. All residents are admitted for a period of 14 days.

Since it became operational on 1st April 2020, there have been a total of 2,215 admissions to the Self-Isolation Facility and a total of 1,594 Healthcare Workers admitted up to 04th February 2021. The self-isolation facility has 756 bedrooms with capacity for 1,138 persons in current configuration.



Yours sincerely,

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Chief Operations Officer