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Deputy Peter Fitzpatrick,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 8177/20 - To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE is not using the temporary accommodation system to accommodate HSE workers that are Covid-19 positive countrywide (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**Details Supplied: My understanding is that the city west is used to self-isolate HSE workers who are Covid-19 positive, and who are unable to self-isolate at home**

**-Peter Fitzpatrick**

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Dear Deputy Fitzpatrick,

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

The Temporary Accommodation Scheme for Staff is not available for healthcare workers who need to self-isolate. It is a temporary accommodation scheme as opposed to a self-isolation scheme and staff are requested in booking staff accommodation under the HSE Temporary Accommodation Scheme that they familiarise themselves with the terms and conditions of the scheme as follow and to ensure that these criteria are met before submitting any applications in line with the following guidance;  
<https://healthservice.hse.ie/staff/coronavirus/policies-procedures-guidelines/temporary-accommodation-for-healthcare-workers.html>

The temporary accommodation service is not available for Healthcare Workers who are clinically required to self-isolate for 14 days. Healthcare Workers including those returning to work from abroad who are clinically required to self-isolate will be referred to the HSE Self Isolation Facility at City West, Saggart, Co. Dublin. Referrals to the City West Self-Isolation Facility can only be made by a discharging hospital, occupational health personnel, GP, contact tracing team or other appropriate healthcare professional via a dedicated email using a standard referral form, which has been circulated across the Health Service.

Where a healthcare worker becomes Covid + or symptomatic the referral pathway to Citywest must be used.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yvonne O'Neill', written over a horizontal line.

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Yvonne O'Neill,  
Interim National Director,  
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