

25th January 2021

Deputy Holly Cairns,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ 2675/21

“To ask the Minister for Health if adequate signage and directions are being provided for the Covid-19 swab centre at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details supplied: “at the Randal Og GAA Club in Ballynacarriga, Dunmanway, Co. Cork) and has a risk assessment been carried out on the impact of swab centres on residents in the immediate vicinity.”

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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.

With the emergence of Covid 19 in Ireland in March 2020, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare were required to set up a number of Covid testing centres as part of the immediate response to dealing with Covid 19 in our communities. Due to the demographic and geographical layout of the West Cork area, it was identified that Dunmanway was a most appropriate location for a testing site for the West Cork area (and its hinterland).

The management of Cork Kerry Community Healthcare engaged with our interagency partners to identify an appropriate site. A full Risk Assessment was undertaken of the Test Centre in Dunmanway by the HSE and a Traffic Management Plan was prepared in consultation with Cork County Council. All Test Centres in Cork and Kerry follow the appropriate procedures with regard to display of signage. On foot of your request, local estates management have been requested to review the said signage to ensure all elements remain intact.

I trust this information is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Priscilla Lynch