



3rd February 2021,

Deputy Peadar Tóibín,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 3308/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the current uses for a hotel and a centre (details supplied); and the statistics detailing the number of persons who have used the facilities for Covid-19-related purposes including self-isolation and step-down per month since the Government entered contracts with same.

- Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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 Health Service Executive (HSE) 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 HSE's Self-Isolation Facility at the Citywest Hotel opened to admissions on 1st April 2020. 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, the HSE Healthcare Worker Self-Isolation pathway at Citywest opened to admissions on 1st June 2020 to ensure efficient use of hotel capacity. This service is provided to facilitate Healthcare Workers who are contracted to commence employment with the HSE, HSE funded agencies or any agency providing healthcare services in Ireland and who are required to quarantine prior to starting work.

Since it became operational on 1st April 2020, the total admissions to the facility up to 20th January 2021 are as follows:

Date Range	Self-Isolation Facility	Healthcare Worker Self-isolation
From 1/4/2020	1,885	
From 1/6/2020		1,547

In addition to the National Self-Isolation Facility, the Convention Centre at Citywest is being used for outpatients and day services. The Convention Centre is not an acute facility nor is it appropriate for patients with patients with high acuity needs, but it is providing infrastructure to support patient care in a number of key service areas.

A summary of active current initiatives at the Convention Centre to week ending 15th January is summarised as follows:

Specialty / Hospital Group	Number of patients seen
Glaucoma Testing- IEHG	474
Orthopaedic OPD- CHI	108
Speech & Language OPD- CHI	9
Rheumatology Virtual Clinic- DMHG (Tallaght)	66
Coombe Obstetrics Clinic, DMHG	188
Neurology Virtual OPD – DMHG (St James)	82
Total:	927

A summary of completed initiatives at the Citywest Convention Centre is summarised as follows:

Specialty / Hospital Group	Number of patients treated
Food Challenges/ Day case procedures - CHI	474
Ophthalmology - CHI	200
Mass immunisation for children of school going age-HPV /Tdap.- Community	953
Total:	1,627

Finally, walk-in and drive through testing centres are also operated in the car parking space associated with the Convention Centre.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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