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Deputy Alan Dillon, TD
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PQ: 3690/21

Ref: Community Assessment Hubs - Community Healthcare West

Dear Deputy Dillon,

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

Community Covid Assessment Hubs were established in the first wave of Covid19 pandemic. The National decision in relation to Community Covid Assessment Hubs after Wave 1 of Covid19 was to leave some open, close some and place others on standby with Galway Community Covid Assessment Hub (CAH) placed on standby a number of months ago, Castlebar and Castlerea closed.

Just recently, in response to requests from Galway GP's we are working with them to reopen the hub located at Merlin Park Unit 3. Unfortunately our nurses had to be deployed to the rollout the vaccination programme in Long Stay Residential Facilities in Older Persons Services, Disabilities and Mental Health and are not available to support the operation of the Hub. In the absence of nurses, we made the decision in agreement with Galway GPs that the Hub could open with a roster of two GP's, other staff working in the Hub include Physiotherapy and Administration staff. Similar discussions took place with Mayo GPs and MUH, where it was decided not to progress with the opening of the Castlebar Hub under a GP only model, this will be kept under review.

The Galway Community Assessment Hub opened on Friday 22nd January, operating on a Tuesday and Friday 12-6 as the GPs roster allows.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please contact me

Yours sincerely



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