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Deputy Róisín Shortall TD
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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Dear Deputy Shortall,

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

PQ: 11117/21

To ask the Minister for Health if nursing homes are being reimbursed for antigen tests deployed onsite under the Covid-19 temporary assistance payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Nursing Homes are currently not reimbursed under the Temporary Assistance Payment Scheme for antigen tests.

The current Health Protection Surveillance Centre guidance on this issue provides for the use of antigen tests at such locations in limited circumstances and under the direction of the local Public Health Department.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Tuohy".

Sandra Tuohy,
Assistant National Director - Community Operations,
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