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Leinster House,
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PQ 14849/21

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals to HSE coronavirus community assessment hubs since they began operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Colm Burke.”

Dear Deputy Burke,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 14849/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Community Assessment Hubs (CAHs) provide timely community based acute clinical assessment for COVID-19 patients (presumptive and confirmed). The rationale for the establishment of CAHs was to free up general practice to give much needed non-covid care in a safer environment and to minimise any inappropriate use of Acute Hospital capacity (attendance and admission avoidance) and the risk of community transmission of COVID-19.

The most reliable indicator of activity at CAHs is the number of appointments attended. From commencement of the first CAHs in April 2020 through April 7th 2021 there has been a total of 12,257 appointments attended at CAHs.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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