



**30<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Deputy Réada Cronin  
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**PQ 16203/21 “To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons being tested for Covid-19 at a location (Punchestown Centre) and elsewhere who do not have PPS numbers; if those persons are from within or without the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Cronin,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

Community testing is a key component of the national Covid-19 strategy with testing facilities available nationwide. I wish to confirm there is no requirement to have a PPS number in order to access a Covid test and therefore it is not collected as part of the Covid 19 test referral.

I trust this addresses your question.

Yours sincerely,

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