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Ref: To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to utilise resources to support the roll-out of the Covid-19 testing and vaccination strategies such as medical professionals who have been trained to provide localised responses in counties Roscommon and Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Claire Kerrane

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

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 position

Community Healthcare West is currently operating 4 Covid Testing sites based at Galway Airport, Castlerea Fire Station and McHale Park, Castlebar, with a pop up testing site at National University of Ireland Galway. These sites are staffed by specifically recruited and trained testing staff. All sites have capacity to meet an increase in demand for testing in line with National Strategy

The following is the response received from the Saolta Group:

Within the Community Healthcare West Area (Galway, Roscommon and Mayo) 3 community vaccination centres have been commissioned in recent weeks (Ballybrit Racecourse -Galway, Abbey Hotel -Roscommon and Breaffy Arena- Mayo).

Dependent on vaccine availability, there is a plan for scale up to capacity in each of the centres over the coming weeks. The Saolta Group have worked closely with Community Healthcare West and Local Authorities in development of a robust workforce plan to support this scale up process within centres which includes securing multidisciplinary staff in line with the national staffing model from across respective services and organisation's. This is an on-going process. Jackie Lillis, Vaccination Programme Team, Saolta Group

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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