



1st July, 2021

Mr. John Brady, T.D.,
Dail Eireann,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Re: P.Q. Ref 24852/21

“To ask the Minister for Health when a vaccination centre will open (Arklow Bay Hotel); the duration that the contract is in place for this vaccination centre as agreed with the service provider; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to the Parliamentary Question above which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Vaccination Centre at the Arklow Bay Hotel was scheduled to open on 20th May, 2021. The original lease was to the end of May but this had been extended to the end of June.

Following the recent national decision on reopening services, the owners of Arklow Bay Hotel indicated that they wished to return to normal hotel business. It was considered by the HSE not viable to staff the site for such a short period and consequently the HSE looked for an alternative site.

Subsequently those due to be vaccinated in Arklow Bay Vaccination Centre were diverted to the Shoreline Vaccination Centre in Greystones in the short term and a new Vaccination Centre at the Kilanerin Community Centre, Gorey has now been procured to December 2021 and is operational to replace that planned for Arklow.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frances McNamara', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Frances McNamara
Assistant National Director,
Office of the Chief Operations Officer