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**PQ Number: 58897/21**

**Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will establish Covid-19 test sites as a matter of urgency in north and east County Cork to ensure accessible testing.**

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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

The HSE continually evaluate options to augment capacity in specific areas experiencing very high level of demands through the use of pop-up Testing Centres and through addition of new sites that are operated by the private sector working under HSE Governance. In addition to the two large scale sites in Cork city (Mallow Road and South Douglas Road) a pop up site has operated on a very regular basis at St Stephen's Hospital in Glanmire. A new centre opened on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at Cork airport and will for the coming weeks offer Covid-19 PCR testing to the people from the Cork city and local region.

The HSE Covid-19 Community Testing Service is committed to the timely provision of safe, accessible, quality swabbing services within the community setting.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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