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To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the planned removal of HSE facilities in Dublin which facilitate quarantining for Roma families (details supplied); and his plans to support service users after it is removed. Further information: Last May, dedicated emergency isolation and Quarantining services for Roma people were set up by the HSE. These are operated by the HSE using CRVP services in Temple Bar.

– Ivana Bacik

Dear Deputy Bacik,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

On May 4th 2020, a dedicated emergency isolation and quarantining services for Roma and other Vulnerable people was set up by the HSE . This Covid Response for Vulnerable People (CRVP) is operated by the HSE in two Temple Bar Hotels.

Recently the HSE has been given notice by the Hotel Operators involved to terminate the agreement for the operation of these hotels. As such one hotel closed this week and the other hotel is expected to be vacated by the end of October 2021.

At present there are no plans to replace the facility. The continued requirement for isolation facilities for vulnerable persons is currently being examined nationally, and we await the ensuing guidance.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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