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PQ 46725/21 *To ask the Minister for Health the hotels or premises with which the State entered into contracts for use as self-isolation facilities and emergency hospital beds throughout the pandemic; the capacity of each hotel and premises in question; the length of each contract; the costs associated with each contract; and the number of persons who availed of the facilities during the pandemic. - Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Self Isolation Facilities

Two self isolation facilities were used during the Covid-19 pandemic.

- National Self Isolation Facility Citywest
- CHO 7 Vulnerable Persons Self Isolation Accommodation Templebar

National Self Isolation Facility Citywest

The capacity of Citywest hotel is 756 bedrooms with a bed count of 1,138. 10 rooms are designated for residents with limited mobility and 14 are interconnecting.

Length of contract and costs for Citywest are:

- Contract 1: 26 March 2020 – 22 October 2021/ Licence fee attributable to this period was €21,095,621
- Contract 2: 23 October 2021 – 30 June 2021/ Licence fee attributable to this period was €7,394,745
- Contract 3: currently in contract from 1 July 2021 to 31 January 2022. There is a rolling break option in favour of HSE w/e from 30 September 2021 with 60 days written notice served in advance/ The approx. Licence fee which will be attributable to current contract = €6.32m

The number of residents who have availed of the HSE COVID-19 Self-Isolation Facility at Citywest Hotel between 1st April 2020 and 30th September 2021 is 3,360.

CHO 7 Vulnerable Persons Self Isolation Accommodation Templebar

The following locations were used in Templebar for vulnerable persons self isolation accommodation.

Handel's Hotel, 18 Fishamble St, Dublin 8

Contract: 12 month license. Costs to date for this accommodation: €119,298.08

Capacity of Hotel: 40 bedrooms.

Riverhouse Hotel, 23/24 Eustace St, Dublin 2

Contract: 12 month license. Costs to date for this accommodation: €264,601.06

Capacity of Hotel: 29 bedrooms.

Temple Bar Lane, 19 Temple Lane, Temple Bar, Dublin 2

Contract: 12 month license. Costs to date for this accommodation: €1,194,376.13

Capacity of Hotel: 36 bedrooms.

A total of 1359 individuals used this self isolation facility from May 2020 to September 2021.

Emergency Hospital Beds

Emergency hospital beds were organised in the following facilities.

- City West
- University College Limerick
- National University of Ireland Galway

Citywest

The total costs for delivering the Emergency Hospital beds at Citywest was approximately €2.3million.

In addition to the National Self Isolation Facility and Emergency Hospital Beds, Citywest has also been used as a location for Covid Testing, Vaccination centre and as an Outpatients facility.

Covid Testing Centre - The total number of covid tests carried out in Citywest is 250,000.

Vaccination Centre - 500,000 people have now been vaccinated at the vaccination centre in Citywest.

Outpatients Centre - The Convention centre in Citywest has also been the location to support patient care in a number of key service areas examples of service types outlined below:

- OPD Face to Face Consultations
- OPD Virtual Consultations
- Low complexity Day Case Activities
- Screening/Immunisation programmes
- COVID Vaccine Clinics

A total of 16,517 patients have availed of services at the outpatient's facility at Citywest.

University College Limerick

The Intermediate Care Facility set up in UL Arena consisted of 84 beds established in the UL Arena, which was taken by a Licence agreement on 8th June 2020 and handed back on 30th November 2020. The infrastructural works which included enabling works and fit out of the arena for the adaptation to a field hospital, lease of partitions, installation of medicate gas and nurse call cost €817,399 to date'. The Ancillary Services Fees and Disturbance Fees under the License Agreement was €497,868.20. The costs for equipping the facility was €377,303.

The operational costs and patient activity data for the period that the intermediate care facility operated will be provided separately.

National University of Ireland Galway

On 27th March Bailey Allen Hall, National University of Ireland Galway was made available to HSE for a period of 3 months (with extension if required) to use as an Intermediate Care Facility for Galway.

In April 2020 initial works and fit out for the adaptation of NUIG to a field hospital were commenced in the Bailey Allen Hall, National University of Ireland Galway. As the Covid-19 emergency progressed, the HSE Acute and Private hospitals in Galway were capable of managing the Covid-19 admissions, the requirement for additional emergency hospitals beds in Galway was reduced and the Intermediate Care Facility at NUIG was stepped down. The Intermediate Care Facility was surrendered to NUIG in June 2020 with option to retain fit-out for future use.

The costs for the initial works and fit out for the adaptation of NUIG to a field hospital were €333,420.96 (Excl VAT). There were no rental costs owed to NUIG for the step down facility. There are re-instatement costs such as repainting and other works which have yet to be confirmed.

The Intermediate Care Facility at National University of Ireland Galway facility was never brought into use.

Yours sincerely,



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