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RE: PQ 62933/22

To ask the Minister for Health the status of the work of the infectious diseases clinical programme; the status of the establishment of a network of infectious diseases clinics; the number of such clinics established and operational to date; and the locations of all infectious diseases clinics, operational or planned

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme for Infectious Diseases (NCPID) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The National Clinical Programme for Infectious Diseases (NCPID) was formally established in November 2020. A NCPID working group (WG) and NCPID Clinical Advisory Group (CAG) have been established, with representation from each of the clinical infectious diseases (ID) sites in the HSE.

NCPID work to date has included:

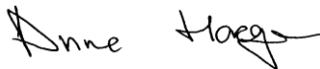
1. COVID-19: The National Clinical Programme for Infectious Diseases (NCPID) Clinical Leads assumed leading roles in crisis management and strategic planning during the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. This required ongoing review and appraisal of the COVID-19 literature and COVID-19 policies in both Ireland and abroad, based on a robust understanding of viral pathogens, infection prevention and control (IPC), public health and clinical care provision.
2. NCPID contributed significantly to several National Bodies, including Expert Advisory Group (EAG), National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHET), The National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC), HSE Antigen Groups, Therapeutics Advisory Group (TAG) and HSE COVID-19 treatment guidelines.
3. NCPID clinical leadership has also been instrumental in the ongoing roll-out of the Long Covid service around Ireland.

Regarding services:

- Infectious Disease (ID) services are an integral component of medical care at the 12 hospitals where infectious disease services have been resourced, notably Beaumont Hospital, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda, St. James' Hospital, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, St. Vincent's University Hospital, Cork University Hospital, Mercy University Hospital Cork, Galway University Hospital, University Hospital Limerick, Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore, University Hospital Waterford and Tallaght University Hospital. The range of services provided to patients includes inpatient and outpatient clinical services relating to complex infectious diseases and general internal medicine.

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

Yours sincerely



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