



22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Deputy Paul Murphy,  
First floor,  
First Active House,  
Main St, Tallaght,  
Dublin 24

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

**PQ 43986/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE was turned away from any nursing homes which it attempted to provide support to due to the HSE believing that the nursing home was in crisis.**

The HSE stood up Covid-19 Response Teams in March 2020 in response to the Covid 19 pandemic. The HSE provided guidance and support to approximately 604 publically and privately funded residential units for the older person.

Generally, the nursing homes were receptive to the supports offered by the CRT's. There were a few occasions where nursing home facilities did not avail of the guidance and support offered by the CRT's. This must be understood in the context of the legal relationship of CRT's with Private Nursing Home Facilities in that any engagement with private providers is through cooperation and consent thus engagement is voluntary.

CRT's often took a proactive approach in that the goal was to avert Nursing Home facilities reaching a crisis point.

Yours Sincerely,

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**Sandra Broderick,**  
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**Services for Older People.**