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Deputy Paul Murphy,
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Leinster House,
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Dear Deputy Murphy,

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

PQ 6193/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of private and voluntary homes in total did the HSE offer crisis support to during the Covid outbreak crisis; the number that received and the number that rejected such support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Paul Murphy

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 managed residential units for the older person inclusive of enhanced supports to any facility identified as being of concern, noting that facilities of concern changed on a daily basis.

CRTs worked collaboratively with Nursing Homes to identify the needs of their units thus any response/interventions were tailored to address their particular requirements at that time; the goal being to avert Nursing Home facilities reaching a crisis point.

Nursing homes were receptive to the supports offered by the CRT's. On a limited number of occasions there were nursing home facilities who did not avail of the guidance and support offered by the CRT's. This however 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.

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