



22 May 2025

Barry Ward, TD
Dáil Eireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2.

PQ 21142/25

To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any plans to provide on-site health care in IPAS facilities; the actions she is taking to ensure that adequate GP facilities are available for IPAS residents while not removing existing services from any community; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE has put in place a service delivery model for refugees and applicants seeking protection. This model was ratified in February 2023 with initial once-off funding of €50m which is now reoccurring and is spread primarily across the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS), primary care, social inclusion and acute hospital services. A core component of this model is the establishment of an integrated community-led migrant health response that supports refugees and applicants seeking protection and addresses current unmet need across primary care services thus limiting the impact on services to the wider community.

The provision of alternative GP services was required as it was recognised that there would be insufficient capacity to assign all incoming arrivals onto community GP GMS panels. Therefore, in March 2022, the HSE in conjunction with the IMO developed a framework to provide access to GP services for this cohort via the establishment of temporary sessional clinics. These sessional clinics are delivered by either participating local GPs or third-party provider/NGOs, or a blend of both and are supported by primary care in-reach teams. From January 2022 to end March 2025, 49,225 of these GP sessional clinical have been held resulting in 79,512 individual consultations.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Doyle
National Lead, Social Inclusion

