

An Oifig Náisiúnta don Chuimsiú Sóisialta Rannóg Cúram Príomhúil Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte Lána an Mhuilinn Baile Phámar Baile Átha Cliath 20

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* To ask the Minister for Health if a mobile health screening unit to facilitate access to basic health screening, GP and nursing services by marginalised groups, refugees, asylum seekers and Roma communities has been provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Loughlin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

The mobile unit is funded under the Dormant Accounts scheme and is operated by Safetynet on behalf of the HSE National Social Inclusion Office.

The unit has been operational since March 2017, providing screening and basic primary care services to approximately 215 refugees accommodated in Balllaghaderreen, as well as delivering other screening to marginalised groups as required.

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

Yours sincerely,

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