



27th November 2023

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PQ 48570/23

To ask the Minister for Health what is meant by a term (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details Supplied: A GP pop-up clinic for persons who are BOTPs and IPAS

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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. As part of a first health response on arrival in the National Transit Centre in Citywest, Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BoTPs) are supported to complete a Health Status Questionnaire (HSQ) to identify immediate or acute health needs and chronic health issues. Those presenting with immediate health needs are reviewed by a member of the on-site multi-disciplinary healthcare team and receive medical intervention as required. The HSQ can be used by BoTPs to communicate needs on arrival in their community setting.

Due to insufficient GP capacity in the community, in March 2022 the HSE in conjunction with Irish Medical Organisation developed a framework to provide a range of options to access GP services for this population cohort via the establishment of temporary sessional clinics. These temporary clinics have had considerable usage; provisional returns from Jan- September show that 2,937 GP sessions were held, providing for 26,933 consultations.

These sessional clinics can be delivered by either participating local GPs or Third-Party Provider/NGOs, or a blend of both. The sessional clinics seek to function, as much as possible, in a similar fashion to existing GP services, on a Monday to Friday basis, with a close link to the out of hours service.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Doyle', written in a cursive style.

Joseph Doyle
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