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Deputy Pa Daly Dáil Éireann Dublin 2

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Re: To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline how the primary medical needs of residents of the Citywest IPAS facility are met; and if he will make a statement more generally on how GP and primary care functions are met for residents of IPAS facilities - Pa Daly.

Dear Deputy Daly

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Safetynet, GP service, holds a contract with the HSE to provide GP care to residents of the National Transit Centre, including prescriptions, medications, and urgent referral to secondary care. Such secondary care encompasses medical, dental and mental health services.

The service currently provides

- 6 x on-site GP clinics per week.
- 1 x GP session to manage oversight, follow up, and post clinic review.
- Phlebotomy and vaccinations as appropriate.

Residents of the National Transit Centre have access 7 days per week to the on-site HSE Health Response team. Those with health concerns, can access nursing triage for assessment and onward referral as appropriate.

The HSE has responsibility for emergency response situations during service provision hours. Out-of-hours responsibility sits with DCEDIY to notify emergency services, with follow up by the HSE.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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