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**PQ9658/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health the current system in place by his Department to provide healthcare for residents of IPAS centres and other refugee accommodation; if his Department is providing additional resources to support GP capacity in areas with higher than average numbers of IPAS centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy O'Connor,

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.

In 2022 and 2023, the HSE has put in place a service delivery model for refugees and applicants seeking protection. Primary care in-reach teams have supported the case management of complex cases from the significant numbers of new arrivals as well as supporting vulnerabilities that may arise as people become settled.

Once-off funding of €50m has been allocated to the health service response for Refugees and Applicants Seeking Protection for 2024, primarily across the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS), primary care, social inclusion and acute hospital services.

In March 2022, the HSE in conjunction with IMO 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 sessional clinics are delivered by either participating local GPs or third-party provider/NGOs, or a blend of both. There have been a total of 40,309 GP consultations provided through 4,388 GP sessional clinics.

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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