

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th MAY 2020**

Question

“In respect of staffing at the ‘Nightingale’ Hospital, will the Minister advise –

- (a) what level of training will be provided to those staff who are not already fully-qualified nurses, specifying what any such training programme will include;
- (b) what plans, if any, there are for employment of these staff beyond the current Covid-19 crisis; and
- (c) whether such staff will receive polymerase chain reaction (P.C.R.) and antibody testing both before commencing work and as an ongoing safety measure?”

Answer

- (a) Staff employed as healthcare assistants as part of our COVID-19 preparedness have received Care Skills training delivered by colleagues from the Nurse Education and Vocational training department in HCS which covers the following areas:

- Safety
- Handwashing
- Code of Practice
- Equality and Diversity
- Communication
- Social media and confidentiality
- Dignity, Privacy and respect
- Practical tasks
- Personal Care
- Infection Control
- Coronavirus
- PPE -donning and doffing
- Respiratory care
- Coronavirus
- End of Life Care
- Basic Life support
- Looking after yourself – health and wellbeing
- Health and Safety

- How to access the Care Certificate

- Undertaking practical experience – “shadow shifts” in clinical areas

- (b) The staff employed as part of preparedness are employed on the bank and will remain as employees on the bank for as long as they wish to do so. Continued employment will be subject to a routine annual review.
- (c) The strategy for staff testing is being developed in collaboration with the Public Health Department. At this moment in time, staff are only in the facility to undertake training.