

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

Question

“Has any consideration been given to subsidising home visits by G.P.s to those with long-term, or permanent, conditions, where it is no longer considered safe for them physically to visit a G.P. due to the current Covid-19 crisis, to access treatment they would normally receive at a G.P. surgery or in hospital?”

Answer

With GPs now directly employed by Health and Community Services, home visits are now subsidised and are currently fixed at £40. We are actively encouraging patients to contact their GP at the moment to discuss their conditions and any change that they are concerned about. If the patient then needs a face to face consultation, all practices have systems in place to minimise contact with patients to facilitate this. Similarly, the Hospital has put in place robust screening either prior to attendance or on arrival at the Hospital to screen patients and provide rapid access to its outpatient clinic. Coupled with the decreasing number of Covid positive patients we are seeing, this should enable vulnerable and extremely vulnerable patients to access health care promptly.