

Anne Rabbitte, T.D.,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

18th December 2019.

PQ 51264/19

'To ask the Minister for Health the reason a nursing unit (St. Brendan's Community Nursing Unit, Loughrea) is not taking respite admissions at present; when it will be accepting same; and if he will make a statement on the matter'.

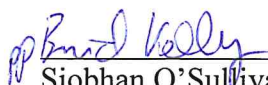
Dear Deputy Rabbitte,

I refer to PQ 51264/19 uploaded on the PAD System on 6th December 2019 and due for response on 24th December 2019 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning "the reason a nursing unit (St. Brendan's Community Nursing Unit, Loughrea) is not taking respite admissions at present; when it will be accepting same; and if he will make a statement on the matter'. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

St. Brendan's Community Nursing Unit (CNU) in Loughrea is closed to respite admissions at present owing to an issue with legionella bacteria in the units water system. I can confirm that an Action Plan is in place to tackle the legionella issue in St. Brendan's. There is no timeline at this time as to when St. Brendan's CNU will be open again to respite clients.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely,



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General Manager,
Community Healthcare West.