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**PQ 52682/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question no 122 of 26 November 2019, the specific areas of significant improvement in view of the fact the MHC acknowledged significant improvements in relation to all areas of compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Butler

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position:*

The Mental Health Commission (MHC) during their registration regulatory visit to Waterford in November commented on significant improvement across a number of MHC Rules and Regulations which had been highlighted as non-compliant in the MHC inspection report in July 2019. Improvements were noted in particular in relation to the regulations pertaining to Premises, Privacy, Staffing, Training, Care Planning and the Rules relating to Seclusion.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Heffernan".

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**David Heffernan**  
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