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**Louise Reilly TD**  
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**PQ ref 11105/19**

*\* (Rosalie unit)*

*To ask the Minister for Health the reason family members with residents in a facility (details supplied) are being invited by the HSE to meet with an independent psychiatrist; the intentions behind such meetings; the options being considered in view of these meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter.\**

Dear Deputy Reilly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In May 2018, the residents of the Rosalie unit had clinical assessments carried out by the HSE Consultant led Multi Disciplinary Team. The Clinical Assessments of the twelve residents of the Rosalie Unit indicated that their individual future care needs would be best met outside the Rosalie Site.

These assessments were presented to the Galway Roscommon Complex Care Committee for review. The assessments were endorsed by the complex care committee, however in order to provide reassurance of the validity of these assessments it was decided to commission an independent clinical review of the assessments. Specialist Consultant Psychiatrist of later Life, Dr. Jim Anderson who practices outside the jurisdiction was engaged to carry out independent Clinical Assessments of the Rosalie Unit Residents to determine their Clinical Needs, dependency levels and optimum care setting. As part of this process, Next Of Kin and Relatives of the residents were invited to attend the Clinical Assessments so their views could be taken on board. Independent Advocacy was provided to Residents and their relatives throughout the clinical assessment process.



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The Findings of the individual Clinical Assessments carried out will be shared with the residents and their Next Of Kin in the coming weeks.

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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