



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Social Care
South East Community Healthcare
Lacken, Dublin Road
Kilkenny

29th May 2019

Mr. John McGuinness T.D.
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 21485/19

To ask the Minister for Health if the staff located at a centre (St. Patrick's, Kells Road, Kilkenny) have agreed to a redeployment within the HSE; if each staff member has been given details of their original contract; if his Department will sanction a redundancy package for an employee that cannot be redeployed or that does not want to option of being redeployed; if the centre has consulted with the HSE on the issue of redundancy; if his Department is involved in these discussions or consultations; if the person or persons in the centre and the HSE will arrange to meet this Deputy and the employees to clarify all of these matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGuinness

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.

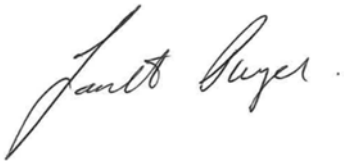
I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

St. Patrick's Services is an organisation whose ongoing services are supported by funding from the HSE/South East Community Healthcare through Section 38 of the Health Act. In line with national policy and in a different way to support and deliver services, residents with needs are being transferred from congregated to community settings.

The HSE/South East Community Healthcare, in line with a recommendation by the Workplace Relations Commission, are currently in discussion with representatives of a number of staff attached to St. Patrick's Services Centre Ltd., Kilkenny. It would not be appropriate for the HSE/South East Community Healthcare to comment on industrial relations matters or in relation to contracts of employment of individual employees of St Patrick's Centre Kilkenny.

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, appearing to read "Janette Dwyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a period at the end.

Janette Dwyer
Head of Service, Social Care
South East Community Healthcare