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PQ 14403/20

To ask the Minister for Health when suitable IT equipment and systems will be installed at a location (details supplied) to properly access records and allow the services to support CAMHS Wexford function efficiently; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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To ask the Minister for Health when his Department and the HSE will provide a waiting area for parents and children attending CAMHS at a location *(Arden House, Wexford); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy

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

I have reviewed that matter and the following composite reply is the current position.

I can confirm that the Wexford Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Wexford South Team occupied their new premises at Arden House, Whitemills, Wexford from 5th May 2020.

A waiting area space is provided for both parents and children on the first floor lobby in Arden House. For the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic, service users await appointment in their cars and ascend to appointment as scheduled.

As part of the transfer it emerged that it was necessary to upgrade some of the I.T. equipment. Accordingly, this equipment was ordered. In the interim, staff were offered the use of replacement I.T. equipment, pending the arrival of the newly ordered devices therefore staff were enabled to continue to operate with computer access.

I trust that this clarifies. Should you have further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

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