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Health Service Executive  
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12<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Deputy Colm Burke, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ 18995/20:**

**“To ask the Minister for Health if he will direct the HSE to provide adequate funding to ensure that a facility (details supplied) can continue to function and remain open; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

**Details Supplied: Cara House, Redemption Road, Cork,**

Dear Deputy Burke,

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.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare appreciates the important role which Mount Cara House plays in its community. Mount Cara House is run by an independent board of directors. Alongside some limited funding from HSE Social Inclusion, it is also funded by Cork City Council and by residents themselves.

That independent board informed us recently that it planned to close the facility. Since then, we have been in on-going contact with the board with the aim of protecting the best interests of residents.

We understand that the board is now exploring a range of options, and we respect that position. We will offer any support we can to the board as they work to meet their obligations to residents. Any appropriate support which we can provide will be made available to the board in maintaining the valuable service they provide for their community.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

**Gabrielle O'Keeffe**  
**Head of Services for Older People,**  
**Cork Kerry Community Healthcare**

