

6<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Deputy Brendan Griffin,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 20784/21**

**“To ask the Minister for Health if he will proactively co-ordinate stakeholders’ engagement in relation to the future of a service (details supplied) in view of the serious concerns and worry currently being experienced by residents, their parents and their relatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**Details Supplied: The Saint Mary of the Angels service in County Kerry**

Dear Deputy Griffin,

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

Your question pertains to the engagement with stakeholders regarding St. John of God’s Services in Kerry. Cork Kerry Community Healthcare has a number of fora in place to engage with families associated with Saint John of God Service User, namely Saint Mary of Angels Stakeholders Group and Saint John of God Family Forum.

The following is an overview of the meetings that have been held with the various groups:

- **SMOA Stakeholders Meetings:**  
4<sup>th</sup> November, 2020  
27<sup>th</sup> January, 2021
- **SJOG Family Forum meeting dates:**  
7<sup>th</sup> September, 2020  
16<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 –  
11<sup>th</sup> January, 2021  
15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021  
29<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

I can confirm that information available to us regarding transition of services is shared with the family groups. In addition, the National Disability Strategy office has set up a national group with members of the family representatives groups for St. John of Gods services

across the country. There are two representatives from the family groups in Kerry on this national group. They are engaging with them on a regular basis.

We will continue to engage with the family fora and provide any relevant information once available.

I trust this clarifies the situation for you.

Yours sincerely



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