



21st December, 2021

Deputy Thomas Gould, TD
Dáil Eireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2.

Re PQ: 62549/21

To ask the Minister for Health the status of the stabilisation units promised in Budget 2021.

Dear Deputy Gould,

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

HSE Social Inclusion Community Healthcare Organisation - Dublin North City & County has secured a building in Dublin 7 that has capacity for 11 beds for Stabilisation Unit to focus on homeless population and will be open by 14th February 2022 for 1st admission. Recruitment is ongoing presently.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare have secured a building for the Stabilisation Unit for the South West of the country in Cork City. We are expecting that this will be available to us from the start of 2022. Minor works will be required. Ongoing discussions are continuing with the Executive Clinical Director Mental Health, Liaison Psychiatry, Nursing and Social Inclusion concerning the interim model for the service (Community based as opposed to being based in an acute hospital for a period of up to three years). Recruitment process is expected to commence in Q1 2022 and service to have first admissions in Q2 2022.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Doyle
National Lead, Social Inclusion

