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PQ Ref 12273/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the status of the mental health services at the Pine and Ash wards in James Connolly Memorial Hospital, Blanchardstown; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ellis,

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

The Department of Psychiatry in Connolly Hospital is an Approved Centre as designated by the Mental Health Act and inspected by the Mental Health Commission. It consists of Ash Ward (incorporating a High Dependence Unit) 26 beds and Pine Ward 21 beds (47 beds in total). This was temporarily closed to admission due to a Covid-19 outbreak for a period from 1st January 2021 and in line with Public Health Guidelines I can confirm the unit re-opened to admissions on 29th January 2021.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

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