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Deputy Patricia Ryan
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PQ 15549/21: *To ask the Minister for Health the action he will take in relation to the recent unfavourable report relating to a facility (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

- Patricia Ryan TD

Dear Deputy Ryan

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.

I wish to advise you that, the Mental Health Commission's inspection report for 2020 for Lakeview Unit found the unit to be compliant with 30 of the areas of inspection and noted that this has improved from being compliant with 23 of the areas of inspection in 2019.

The Kildare West Wicklow Mental Health Service has developed robust governance systems and a culture of audit and feedback that is reflected in the improvements in this report.

Since the inspection the service has put in place corrective and preventative actions to address the remaining 6 areas of non-compliance.

The premises of Lakeview Unit has been considered non-compliant for several years due to the limited space in the unit and in communal areas.

A replacement unit for Lakeview Unit has been made a priority and is at the final design stage and will be submitted for planning permission in the next few months. It is expected that some work will begin on the site this year.

The new unit will have an increase from 29 beds to 50 beds and all will be single rooms. The design team have incorporated features such as access to garden courtyards and terraces and creative use of natural light to create a healing environment.

I trust this clarifies matters.

Mr. Kevin Brady
Head of Service Mental Health Dublin South Kildare West Wicklow