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To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the threat to a care home (Camphill Community Co Wexford); and if he has identified a way in which residents can be guaranteed continuity of service while the issues are being resolved

Dear Deputy Bruton,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

Camphill Communities of Ireland (CCol) are a Section 39 agency. The welfare of service users (adults with intellectual disabilities and other kinds of special needs) at the Duffcarrig residential care facility in Co. Wexford is a priority for the HSE.

The HSE notes that a Notice of Decision was issued by the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) on Friday the 4th of June 2021, as regards cancellation of registration in respect of the operation by Camphill Communities of Ireland Ltd of the centre of Duffcarrig, Gorey, Co. Wexford.

The HSE is liaising closely with the proprietors as to the next course of action required on site.

The overarching, guiding principle of trying to maintain the 24 residents in their own homes will feature in any Action Plan on the part of the HSE/South East Community Healthcare. Such a plan would also require serious concerns noted by HIQA at Duffcarrig to be fully addressed.

In addition to working closely with Camphill, the HSE/SECH has commenced communication and will continue to liaise with service users and their families.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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