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Deputy Neasa Hourigan,  
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**“To ask the Minister for Health the residential settings that service users under the care of the Middleton/Youghal and Cobh/Glenville Adult Mental Health teams may have been referred to for respite or long stay placements since February 2021; and the number of service users referred.”**

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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.

Mental Health Services in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) aim to promote and protect the mental health of the population and to provide effective services to those who need them. Mental Health Services work collaboratively with other Health and Social Care Services. Our services have a strong focus on recovery and co-production and have consistently sought to develop and enhance community based services and reduce, where appropriate, those treated in more acute services.

Services are provided through community mental health teams and these teams are supported by day hospitals, day centres, residential centres and community residences / high support hostels and inpatient units.

Referrals for long-stay placements since February 2021:

Middleton / Youghal sector based team: Having liaised with the Clinical Director for North Lee Mental Health Services, I am informed that three service users were referred to long stay placements; one referral was made to an Approved Centre and two referrals were made to nursing homes.

Cobh / Glenville sector based team: Having liaised with the Clinical Director for North Lee Mental Health Services, I am informed that three service users were referred to long stay placements.

Referrals for respite since February 2021:

In relation to the Cobh / Glenville community mental health team, one service user avails of respite care and two service users are awaiting an appropriate placement in nursing homes in the community.

In addition to the above, 1 service user has transferred to a supported community living placement and another service user is waiting on the availability of a bed in this facility.



In relation to the Owenacurra Approved Centre the priority of Mental Health Services CKCH is to ensure that we identify the most suitable placement for every resident of the Owenacurra Centre based on their assessed needs, will and preferences. The process of finding the most appropriate alternative placements for the residents is currently underway and is likely to continue for several more months, so as to achieve our aim of finding the most appropriate placements possible and minimise disruption for each of our 18 residents. At this stage, all of the residents have had their needs assessed. Without in any way identifying individuals or their preferences, it is clear that some people will require ongoing continuing care while others can be facilitated to live in lower support settings and with a plan for ongoing rehabilitative support and potentially a form of semi-independent living. As each placement is specific to the assessed needs and preferences of each of the 18 residents, all feasible options with regards to alternative placements are being explored. Engagement with service users and their families is underway and is ongoing and in that respect it is not possible to confirm the exact location that each of our 18 residents will transfer to until this process has been completed.

I trust you find the above clarifies the query raised.

Yours sincerely,



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