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Deputy Neasa Hourigan,  
Dáil Éireann,  
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**“To ask the Minister for Health the estimated reduction in service cost to the CHO4 budget of closing the Owenacurra Centre in terms of clinical staffing costs, food costs and cleaning costs in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

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.

The Owenacurra Facility located in Midleton comprises of a day centre and also the Owenacurra Approved Centre which is a continuing care unit registered with the Mental Health Commission to provide Psychiatry of Later Life, continuing mental health care and mental health rehabilitation services. In addition, the Owenacurra Day Hospital is located on the grounds of the Midleton Community Hospital.

The budget assigned to Mental Health Services in Owenacurra is €3.1m for 2021 . This includes pay and non-pay costs such as payroll,, cleaning and sensitisation, catering, utilities, maintenance, etc. The process of finding the most appropriate alternative placements for all residents of the Owenacurra Approved Centre is underway and will continue for several more months to achieve our aim of finding the most appropriate placements possible and minimise disruption for residents. There is no plan to reduce staffing levels during this process and therefore there will be no reduction to service costs / budget assigned to the Owenacurra Centre for 2021.

I trust you find the above clarifies the query raised.

Yours sincerely,

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