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Deputy Alan Farrell,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if provisions have been made to ensure the staffing levels of Portrane Mental Health Hospital will be in place to accomplish full capacity in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Alan Farrell

Dear Deputy Farrell,

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 have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The new National Forensic Mental Health Services (NFMHS) facility in Portrane was handed over to the HSE/Management Team of the Central Mental Hospital on March 22, and we are currently in a period of equipping, testing, training and Registration on the site.

The opening of the new hospital will be completed on a phased basis with the initial phase being a 'lift and shift', i.e., moving the existing service from Dundrum to Portrane in Q1 of 2022. This will initially be about 110 beds opened in the first phase which will be an increase on the current bed capacity in Dundrum (94). There are sufficient manpower resources to do this. Recruitment is continuing to enable the remaining opening phases to be completed and which will include the full 130 Forensic adult beds, the 30 ICRU beds and the 10 Forensic CAMHs beds. When fully opened, there will be 170 beds operation across the entire campus.

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

Yours sincerely,

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