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Mr. Pat Buckley, T.D.,
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PQ ref 43557/21

“To ask the Minister for Health the location in which the 19 residents and patients will be redeployed to in east County Cork after the closure of the Owenacurra mental health centre, Midleton, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Buckley,

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 process of finding the most appropriate alternative placements for all residents of the Owenacurra Centre will continue for several more months.

While some residents will be ready to move from the centre shortly, our priority is to make sure that we identify the most suitable placement for each individual resident based on their assessed needs and preferences.

While our initial timeframe was to complete this process by October 31st, we have confirmed to the Oireachtas Sub Committee on Mental Health, that we will extend that time frame if necessary, so that we can achieve our aim of finding the most appropriate placements possible. This additional time will be needed in some instances so that the most appropriate location is identified and so that the move takes place with the minimum disruption possible for residents.

The services will continue to engage with residents and their loved ones as this process continues, and we will redouble our efforts in relation to communication and engagement.

These placements will be in services or locations as close to Midleton as possible, where that's appropriate to the needs of the resident.

As we expect the entire process to take several months beyond October 31st, we will ensure that we keep local Oireachtas members and the committee members updated.



I trust the above is of assistance.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Morrison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Mr Kevin Morrison
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