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Mr. Pat Buckley, T.D.,  
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**PQ ref 43558/21**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the location to which the staff will be redeployed 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.

Formal staff engagement is being progressed through the unions involved, who met with management on the September 10th, 2021. The arrangements with staff are informed by the terms of the Public Service Stability Agreements ‘Building Momentum (2021-2022)’ and underpinned by the nationally agreed Redeployment Protocols.

Staff assigned to Owenacurra will be redeployed to alternative locations within our Services. This service change programme will be informed by the agreed information and consultation process which is comprehended within the provisions of the nationally agreed Public Service Stability Agreements, to include the most recent agreement – Building Momentum.

Staff redeployed will be offered alternative employment in the Service where the working arrangements will be of a similar nature in relation to quality and clinical care requirements. Access to rosters and the impact of any alternative attendance patterns on earning, family commitments and personal or social arrangements will be included in the discussions on redeployment. In this context, some informal discussions have already taken place in relation to workable options for redeployment.

Kind regards,

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