

19th December 2022

Deputy Holly Cairns,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 60369/22

“To ask the Minister for Health if he will immediately work with the HSE in CHO4 to put in place a plan to ensure that none of the acute mental health unit beds in Bantry General Hospital are closed.”

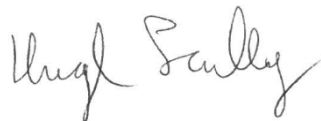
Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

As you may be aware, on 2nd Aug 2022, the Mental Health Commission wrote to the service stating its proposal to attach a condition to the registration of the Centre for Mental Health Care and Recovery Bantry which would reduce their bed capacity from 18 to 11. The only avenue to appeal against the MHC’s decision, is via the District Court and I can confirm that Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) have lodged this appeal in the District Court. As this matter is before the courts, we cannot say anything further. However, we will continue to engage with the Mental Health Commission in a positive manner. I can confirm that 18 beds are operational at present in Centre for Mental Health Care and Recovery, Bantry.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind regards,



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