

19th December 2022

Deputy Neasa Hourigan
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 60980/22

“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 561 of 15 November 2022, the duration of placement already spent of each resident of a facility (details supplied) at the time the facility was vacated in April 2020; the number of residents who moved from the facility in April 2020 who remain in residential care; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details Supplied: Millfield House, Cork

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

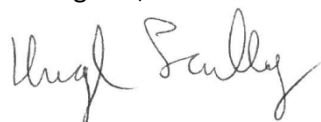
The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

At the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Cork Kerry Management along with relevant Clinical Directors formed a Mental Health Services Covid-19 steering group to discuss issues as they arise during the outbreak of the pandemic. One of the many matters discussed was the need for single room accommodation for residents in Millfield House, a high support hostel. Residents were sharing small multi-occupancy rooms and every effort was made to source more suitable, safer accommodation from an Infection, Prevention and Control perspective. Garnish house was sourced which allowed single room occupancy for all Millfield House residents and also single rooms for a number of residents from other community residences.

Having liaised with the relevant team, I have been advised during this transfer, 14 residents were originally residing in Millfield House. As of these 14 residents, I have been advised that 12 remain in residential care. I can confirm that 4 have been in placement since 2000, 2 have been in placement since 2006, 1 has been in placement since 2014, 3 have been in placement since 2015 and 2 have been in placement since 2019.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind regards,



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