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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if a report (details supplied) has been received by his Department; if the recommendations have been received; the effort that is being made to implement these findings ahead of the move of the Central Mental Hospital to Portrane; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Mark Ward.

Details Supplied: *Access to Rights for People Detained In Secure Forensic Mental Health Facilities in Ireland by the Irish Penal Reform Trust*

Dear Deputy Ward,

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 Central Mental Hospital (CMH) relocated from Dundrum to Portrane on 13th November 2022.

On 25th of October 2022 the Irish Penal Reform Trust launched a scoping study examining the rights frameworks applicable to people detained in the CMH. The National Forensic Mental Health Service (NFMHS) were invited to the launch and note the 17 recommendations arising from the report. As noted in the analysis of the report the consideration, acceptance and implementation of a number of recommendations will require a period longer than that which was available from the launch of the report to the date of the transition to the new campus. NFMHS are committed to ensuring that the care provided to individuals is safe, effective and promotes the rehabilitation and recovery of patients. The transition to the new campus has presented an opportunity to systematically review current practice and improve the delivery of care in a new setting. The report is due to be considered by the Area Management Team (AMT) in Q2 2023 with a view to identify specific work streams to progress necessary actions, if any, arising from recommendations in the report.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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