

2nd February 2022

Deputy Neasa Hourigan
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

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“To ask the Minister for Health the residential settings that service users under the care of the Midleton/Youghal and Cobh/Glenville Adult Mental Health teams may have been referred to for respite or long stay placements since February 2021; and the number of service users referred.”

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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

Mental Health Services in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare aim to promote and protect the mental health of the population and to provide effective services to those who need them. Mental Health Services work collaboratively with other Health and Social Care Services. Our services have a strong focus on recovery and co-production and have consistently sought to develop and enhance community based services and reduce, where appropriate, those treated in more acute services.

Services are provided through community mental health teams and these teams are supported by day hospitals, day centres, residential centres and community residences / high support hostels and inpatient units.

With regards the number of referrals made since February 2021:

In relation to Midleton / Youghal sector based team, having liaised with the Clinical Director for North Lee Mental Health Services I am informed that three service users (residents of St Michaels Approved Centre) were referred to long stay placements, one referral was made to an Approved Centre and two referrals were made to nursing homes however one resident subsequently chose to return to the home instead.

In relation to Cobh / Glenville sector based team, having liaised with the Clinical Director for North Lee Mental Health Services, I am informed that four service users (residents of St Michaels Unit) were referred to long stay placements, three have since transferred, and one is currently awaiting a suitable alternative long term placement.

In relation to the Cobh / Glenville community mental health team, one service user avails of respite care and two service users are awaiting an appropriate placement in nursing homes in the community.

In addition to the above, 1 service user has transferred to Slí Eile (supported community living placement) and another service user is waiting on the availability of a bed in this facility.

In relation to the Owenacurra Centre, 1 resident transferred to Gougane Barra House, 1 to continuing care in St. Stephen's, 1 to Acute Unit, St. Michael's and 5 to Nursing Homes in the community.

I trust you find the above clarifies the query raised.

Yours sincerely,



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