

2nd February, 2022

Ms. Neasa Hourigan, TD.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

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“To ask the Minister for Health if the clinical directors of the west Cork, south Lee and north Cork adult mental health services have agreed with senior management to accept referrals of service users under the care of the Midleton, Youghal and Cobh, Glenville adult mental health teams for long-stay or respite placements in the community residences attached to their local catchment areas into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

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.

In regard to the closure of Owenacurra Centre in Midleton, Cork and as part of the ongoing engagement with service users, it is an imperative that Mental Health Services cater for their ongoing needs safely and appropriately. To this end all mental health services are engaged where necessary in ensuring the care plan for individuals moving to alternative locations is robust and that continuity of care is to the forefront of any considerations.

I trust this clarifies the situation for you.

Yours sincerely,



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