

21st July 2022

Deputy Neasa Hourigan
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 36986/22

“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question 1784 of 14 June 2022, the details associated with subsequent meetings were held to give effect to the closure decision (details supplied) referenced in the response; the dates on which the referenced meetings took place; the managers who attended each of the meetings in question; if the meetings were minuted; the decision-making that took place at these meetings;; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”
Details Supplied: the Owenacurra Centre

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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.

As outlined in PQ 30340/22, I can confirm that planning meetings took place on the following dates with the relevant attendees to give regard to the decision and move forward with a plan to effect the closure:

- Thursday 24th June 2021 – A/Head of Mental Health Services, Executive Clinical Director, Cork, Area Director of Nursing Cork.
- Monday 28th June 2021 – A/Head of Mental Health Services, Executive Clinical Director Cork, Area Director of Nursing Cork, Clinical Director North Lee, Head of HR, A/Chief Officer, Employee Relations Manager and General Manager for Older Persons.

I can confirm that a note was taken at the above meetings and matters such as timeline of proposed closure, staff engagement, resident/family engagement, potential placements of residents, safety of resident, and formation of steering group were discussed.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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