

28th June 2022

Deputy Neasa Hourigan
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 29363/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the funding commitment amounts for the east Cork rehabilitation mental health services; the new properties that are being proposed for purchase or construction for this client group; the cost of relocating the day centre from the Owenacurra Centre; 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 Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Cork Mental Health Services are configured into the areas of West Cork, South Lee, North Cork and North Lee. Please note that East Cork forms part of the North Lee sector and is not broken down with regard to funding commitments as this is not a dedicated mental health service area.

With regard to new properties that are being proposed, I wish to advise that we will provide a new 10-bed rehabilitative residential unit in Midleton town. This service will have 24 hour staffing, and will have a focus on support people to return to their homes and communities. We will appoint a development team which will conduct an options appraisal, and engage with people using mental health services in the area. The Owenacurra site will be among the possible locations considered.

In addition to the above, we will also provide at least one community residence in Midleton town, for three or four residents. This will have 24-hour staffing and will be available to anyone in need of residential mental health services who's needs are assessed (by a psychiatrist) as being met by a service like this.

The Owenacurra day service has now reopened and at a new location (Respond Housing). We are examining the best permanent location – this may be on the site of the existing Community Hospital where you know considerable redevelopment is planned. Please note the cost of the rental of this property is €3,000 per annum.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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