

28<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Deputy Neasa Hourigan  
Dáil Éireann  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 30341/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 716 of May 17th 2022, if there are records of any communications between Cork HSE management in relation to the proposed closure of a centre (details supplied) between the issuing of a report by the HSE estates department on premises of the centre on 18 June 2021 and the closure announcement on 28 June 2021; the managers who featured in these communications; 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.

Mental Health Services received a letter from HSE Estates on 18th June 2021 with a set of reports relating to Owenacurra Centre.

On the 22nd of June 2021, the Chief Officer Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH), HSE Estates and Mental Health Services had a meeting to explore the options available to it in light of the available information. This meeting was not minuted. On foot of this discussion, the Chief Officer CKCH made the decision to close the Centre.

Subsequent meetings were held to give effect to the closure decision. This decision was formally communicated to residents and staff of the centre on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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