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Deputy Sean Sherlock  
Dáil Éireann  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 32503/22:**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the status of a welfare home (details supplied) and if he plans to close it in the forthcoming weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.**

**Details Supplied: St Francis Welfare Home, Fermoy, Co Cork**

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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.

Fermoy Welfare Home (also known as St Francis’s Unit) is a statutory unit owned and managed by the Health Service Executive (HSE) under the governance of Cork Kerry Community Healthcare. The unit currently provides 9 Respite beds, 1 Palliative Care bed and 4 Transitional Care beds and admissions to the unit are currently being accepted.

Medical services for HSE residential settings are contracted to Medical Officers with contracts to provide services to these units. The benefits for residents include access to medical care as required, co-ordination of care needs and facilitation of a proactive review of their continuing care needs following discharge home from a short stay in a residential facility. In addition, high quality end of life care is provide for those admitted for palliative care. Medical Officer cover has been secured for Fermoy Welfare Home until the end of August. An offer has been made to a replacement Medical Officer from that date and confirmation of acceptance is currently awaited.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare is cognisant of the important and valued service this unit provides to people living in the area and there are currently no plans to close Fermoy Welfare Home to admissions in the forthcoming weeks.

I trust this clarifies the position. If you have any further queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Jackie Daly  
Head of Service for Older People