

5<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Deputy Neasa Hourigan  
Dáil Éireann  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 33498/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the deliberations regarding the closure of the Owenacurra centre that took place between HSE senior management following the issuing of a recommendation by the HSE Estates Department that the centre be closed and prior to the closure decision being finalised; the date that the closure decision was finalised; the managers that were involved in making this decision; the context for this final decision; if records were maintained of these discussions; 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.

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 (CKCH), HSE Estates and Mental Health Services had a meeting to explore the options available to it in light of the available information. On foot of this discussion, the Chief Officer CKCH made the decision to close the Centre. Please note, there were no notes taken of this meeting.

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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**Mr Kevin Morrison**  
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