

6th July 2022

Deputy Neasa Hourigan
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 33786/22

“To ask the Minister for Health if there are records of meetings held by any HSE managers to discuss and agree funding for a renovation of the Carraig Mór mental health facility in Cork; the dates that these meetings took place; which managers attended; 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 Kerry Community Healthcare has identified significant requirements from Cork Kerry Mental Health Services to address infrastructural deficits in service settings and these needs are confirmed following inspections by the Mental Health Commission of the registered centres. The CHO have commissioned a comprehensive 5- 10 year long term capital plan outlining an investment of €160m to bring Cork Approved Centres to a modern, fit for purpose standard. Within this plan included details on the future provision of the Carraig Mor Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit. The Cork Mental Health Approved Centres Strategic Capital Plan has been submitted to National Mental Health Services for consideration in March 2022 and support will be sought from the Department to fund this capital plan over the next decade.

Improvements in relation to infrastructure in Carraig Mor has been an ongoing service requirement. This has been actioned in both responding to and actively meeting the Mental Health Commission requirements in relation to premises regulations and service delivery.

Please be advised that agreements in relation to major funding related to refurbishments would not been made within Cork Services, but would require to be applied for through our Estates function in the form of capital planning process or made available through our National Mental Health Services to local services as appropriate.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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