

15th March 2022

Deputy Neasa Hourigan,
 Dáil Éireann,
 Dublin 2

PQ ref 12168/22

“To ask the Minister for Health when a centre (details supplied) in Carrigaline, County Cork was identified as a placement option for nine residents in another centre; the way this was decided; the HSE managers that made the decision; the number of residents in another centre that will be accommodated in the centre in Carrigaline; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details Supplied: Glenwood Carrigaline; Owenacurra Centre; of Millfield House, Blackpool; in keeping with the stated intention for Glenwood, as set out in the 2021 HSE Capital Plan for CHO 4; where the remaining Millfield House residents are being accommodated

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.

In June 2021, the HSE notified the Department of Health of its decision to close the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton. The current building is not fit for purpose and cannot be brought to the standard required. The HSE’s focus is on the impact of this closure on residents and their families. The multi-disciplinary team have met with all of the residents and their families to discuss their options, with the will and preferences of each resident being of paramount importance.

A Steering Group was appointed to plan and oversee the closure of the Centre. The membership of the Group is set out below:

Area	Person
Management/Admin	A\General Manager (Project Lead and Chair) Area Administrator
Medical	Executive Clinical Director, Cork Clinical Director, North Lee Treating Consultant
Nursing	Area Director of Nursing, Cork Assistant Director of Nursing, North Lee
Allied Health Professional	Sector Social Worker Sector Physiotherapist \Occupational Therapist

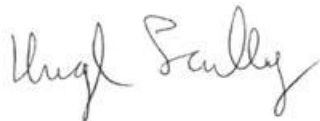
The group also works with clinicians dedicated to the care of the residents of the Owenacurra Centre.

As part of its work, this Group considered, on an anonymised basis, the information gathered on the assessed needs and abilities of the residents as well as the expressed will and preference of the residents and their families. These MDT assessments have been led by a psychiatrist and the Clinical Director providing support. The Group also considered the placement options available which might suit the assessed needs of the residents and which could be offered to them. While some people may require on-going continuing care, others will be facilitated to live in lower support settings, based on their assessed needs. Some of these moves have taken place at this point.

In quarter 4 of 2021, Glenwood House in Carrigaline was identified as a possibility which could be offered as an option to certain residents who might benefit from the service. The service is conscious that Planning Permission has not yet been received in relation to Glenwood House. No offers of transfer have been made to the residents of Owenacurra at this point. Please note, the HSE cannot comment on the relocation of patients when to do so might reveal information, breaching the ethical requirement on us to observe our duty of confidentiality.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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