

6<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Deputy Neasa Hourigan  
Dáil Éireann  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 15199/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the date his Department was first informed of the intention of CHO 4 HSE management to close a centre (details supplied); if he will identify the staff member(s) of his Department and the staff members of CHO 4 HSE mental health services who were in communication regarding the decision at that earliest stage of the process.”**

**Details Supplied: the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton**

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.

I wish to confirm the Health Forum and East Cork Oireachtas members were informed of the intended closure of Owenacurra Centre on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 by myself, Mr Kevin Morrison, A/Head of Mental Health Services, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare.

This communication was then forwarded by my office to Mr Michael Murchan, Department of Health and Mr Padraig Kelly, Private Secretary to the Minister for Mental Health and Older People to bring to the attention of Minister Mary Butler. I understand Mr Kelly and Mr Murchan both confirmed receipt of same.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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**Mr Kevin Morrison**  
**A/Head of Service**  
**Mental Health Services**  
**Cork Kerry Community Healthcare**