

6th April 2022

Deputy Neasa Hourigan
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 15200/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the first communication between CHO 4 HSE managers regarding the proposed closure of a centre (details supplied); the date this took place; the names and roles of the managers in communication at this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter..”

Details Supplied: The Owenacurra Centre

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 received correspondence from Mr Alan O’Connell, Estate Manager, Cork Kerry on 18th June 2021 along with a set of reports relating to Owenacurra Centre.

Following receipt of this documentation, a number of meetings were held to explore the options available in relation to the proposed closure of Owenacurra Centre. On foot of these discussions, Mr Michael Fitzgerald, Chief Officer, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare made the decision to close the Centre.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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