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Deputy Neasa Hourigan  
Dáil Éireann  
Dublin 2

**PQ Ref 16326/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for selling rather than renovating Millfield House community mental health residence in Blackpool, Cork; the price paid for the property; the exact placement arrangements for residents; 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.

At the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, it was identified that residents in Millfield House were sharing small multi-occupancy rooms and every effort was made to source more suitable accommodation from Infection, prevention and control perspective. Garnish house was sourced which allowed single room occupancy for all Millfield House residents and also single rooms for a number of residents from other community residences. Whilst the HSE are currently arranging the preparation of the Land Registry compliant map for the property, no final decision has been made in relation to the sale or otherwise of the property.

In relation to the price paid for the property, I can confirm HSE paid £150,000 (€190,460.71) for Millfield House in June 1997.

With regard to placement arrangements please note all 15 residents from Millfield House transferred to Garnish House.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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