

23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022.

Mr Thomas Gould T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 22715/22**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the status of the stabilisation facility for Cork; and the location of same."**

Dear Deputy Gould,

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 have secured a building for the Stabilisation Unit for the South West of the country in Cork City. We were expecting that this was going to be available to us from the start of 2022. However, there have been some delays in the handover of the building. It is expected that CKCH will have access by July 2022.

Ideally the Unit would be based in an acute hospital and a commitment has been secured that this will occur within the next three years.

Significant progress has been made with the Executive Clinical Director Mental Health, Liaison Psychiatry, Nursing and Social Inclusion concerning the interim model for the service (community based as opposed to based in an acute hospital for a period of up to three years). We expect recruitment to start in Q3 2022 and service to have first admissions in Q4 2022.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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