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PQ 22726/22*To ask the Minister for Health the reasons that retention was not applied for to convert the use of Glenwood House, Carrigaline, Cork from a guesthouse to a mental health facility until fourteen months after Glenwood House was purchased by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Neasa Hourigan

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.

The property was purchased in 2021 during the Covid 19 Emergency, with the aim of providing short-term emergency accommodation for Mental Health residents. These works were undertaken by way of the planning derogation that was in force at the time for HSE under the Covid 19 Emergency Regulations, which ended on the 31 March 2022.

Subsequent to the above, in order to meet Mental Health Service requirements and to regularise the proposed use following the expiry of the planning derogation available to HSE under Covid 19 Emergency Regulations, Mental Health Services applied for Planning Permission in relation to the proposed future use of the premises, in line with appropriate and relevant process.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

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