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PQ 25408/22* To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1328 of 26 April 2022, the reason a that a change in service requirement necessitating unforeseen building works was referenced in the response for a premises (details supplied: Glenwood House. given the original HSE rationale for the purchase of the premises being the replacement of Millfield House, a community residence which included long-stay placements), given that the original HSE rationale for the purchase of the premises was that it would replace a former community residence which included long-stay placements; 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 response to the previous question indicated that the refurbishment works undertaken were based on an inspection report for the property at Glenwood House, Carrigaline, Co. Cork. The report was completed on the basis of carrying out a minimum level of emergency works to satisfy basic fire safety requirements, in order to ensure that the provision of short-term accommodation associated with the COVID-19 emergency response could be delivered.

The Mental Health Service subsequently proposed a long-term use of the property as a community residence on a permanent basis, which resulted in undertaking a full refurbishment.

Yours sincerely,

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