

28th June 2022

Deputy Neasa Hourigan
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 26244/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the planning status of Garnish House, Cork for use as a mental health facility by the HSE; 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.

Having liaised with our Estates Department, I can confirm that as part of the Covid 19 Emergency the Government introduced a derivation on planning permissions. Therefore, a change of use planning permission was not required under the legislation for Garnish House to operate as a mental health residential facility. This was in line with the buildings previous use as a long/short term let residential facility.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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