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21 June 2022,

Deputy Mark Ward
Dail Eireann
Dublin 2.

PQ 27034/22: To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the closure of 11 of the 23 beds in a unit (details supplied); when this occurred; and the reason for same. -Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

Dublin South Kildare & West Wicklow Community Health Care Mental Health management reluctantly made the decision to temporarily reduce the inpatient capacity at Linn Dara Child and Adolescent Approved Centre (Inpatient unit) from 24 beds to 13 beds. This occurred on 11 May 2022.

This decision has not been taken lightly and has come about due to continued difficulties in maintaining the necessary staffing levels within the nursing grades in the Approved Centre.

The Linn Dara inpatient service will continue to process referrals for inpatient admission and is working closely with the other HSE / HSE funded inpatient services to mitigate the situation and facilitate admission where such capacity exists.

No patient will be discharged early from the approved centre and they will continue to work intensively with the HSE national recruitment service and others over the coming weeks to expedite recruitment processes and acquire personnel for the vacant posts to allow Linn Dara CAMHs to reopen the full complement of beds and continue providing a safe high quality service.

It is hoped this will be a short-term measure and it is intended that the unit return to full bed capacity at the earliest opportunity. This matter is under constant review



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I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony McCusker".

Tony McCusker
General Manager Mental Health Services