

30th November 2022

Deputy Neasa Hourigan
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 57174/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of service-users under the care of the Midleton, Youghal and Cobh, Glenville Adult Mental Health Services in east Cork who have availed of either short-term respite or longer-term placement in nursing-homes or in CHO4 mental health facilities from 1 January 2021; the names of the mental health facilities and the number of service-users transferred to each facility since that time; if the service-user is in single-occupancy or shared rooms in the case of each transfer to either a mental health facility or nursing home since 1 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

Mental Health Services in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare aim to promote and protect the mental health of the population and to provide effective services to those who need them. Mental Health Services work collaboratively with other Health and Social Care Services. Our services have a strong focus on recovery and co-production and have consistently sought to develop and enhance community based services and reduce, where appropriate, those treated in more acute services.

Services are provided through community mental health teams and these teams are supported by specialist teams, day hospitals, day centres and community residences / high support hostels and inpatient units.

With regard to your query in relation to service users under the Midleton/Youghal and Cobh/Glenville Adult Community Mental Health teams, I can confirm that I have liaised with the relevant personnel in relation to same.

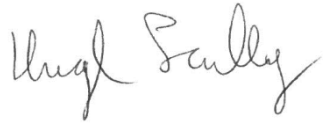
For the purpose of this response, I have not included service users who had been residing in Owenacurra Centre during this period, as this will be answered in my response to your PQ reference 57001/22.

With regard to the Midleton/Youghal sector, I have been advised that during the period of January 2021 to present, Mental Health Services have not facilitated the direct placement of service users to mental health community residences (long term or respite) or nursing homes in this area.

With regard to the Cobh/Glenville catchment area, I have been advised that since January 2021 to present, one service user has been placed in Unit 3, St Stephen's Hospital, Cork and another service user has moved to a Nursing Home. At this time, the team cannot confirm whether these people are availing of single-occupancy rooms or shared rooms. I will forward you this information as soon as I receive it.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind regards,



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