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Deputy Róisín Shortall Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

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"To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 129 of 21 September 2022, if the families of residents whose files were sent to a legal firm (details supplied) were informed of same; if other residents were illegally restrained; if other residents were discharged from this residential setting if it was found that they had been illegally restrained; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Details supplied: Service provider - Sunbeam House - Legal firm - Arthur Cox

Dear Deputy Shortall,

Thank you for your recent correspondence. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the current position.

Sunbeam House Services (SHS) is a Section 38 funded agency governed by the Board of Directors of SHS. In line with SHS responsibilities under their Service Level Agreement with the HSE, this PQ was forwarded to SHS to provide a response on the matter.

Sunbeam House Services (SHS) have advised the HSE of the following:

- There was one client file viewed by the legal team. SHS understood the family were informed of the file being viewed by SHS legal advisors.
- No other clients were illegally restrained.
- No residents were discharged from the residential setting that were found to be illegally restrained.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia McEvoy

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