

15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Deputy Sean Sherlock  
Dáil Éireann  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 43271/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health when it is proposed to close a centre (details supplied) in County Cork.”**

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

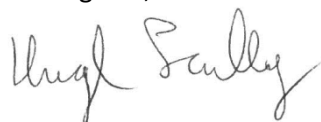
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Mental Health Services in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare are working in close collaboration with the affected service users and their families to find more appropriate accommodation. This process is being handled with sensitivity and with regard to the wishes and preferences of each individual resident and aligned to their current needs, including their health and safety and provision of appropriate treatment and care. Residents are moving on a phased basis and engagement with each resident is on-going. Eleven residents have moved to a variety of new settings, and our staff remain in contact with them. Their new homes include nursing homes and community residences, and these new placements fit each person’s individual assessed needs. Residents are settling into their new homes and continue to receive support in a more appropriate environment.

For the remaining residents, the supports being provided as they move through what is a difficult process for them will continue, as will the engagement with themselves and their families. Our priority now is to work with the small number of remaining residents to identify new homes for them, which will meet their needs as assessed by medical experts, as well as their own will and preference. Psychiatrists and team members have assessed residents, and staff have discussed potential options with residents. We sincerely hope that this work by our clinical experts will continue to be a support to the remaining residents during the Owenacurra Centre move.

I trust the above clarified the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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