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Deputy Sean Sherlock Dáil Éireann Dublin 2

PQ ref 43273/22

"To ask the Minister for Health the latest correspondence that has been exchanged between his Department and the HSE in respect of the pending closure of a centre (details supplied) in County Cork." **Details supplied:**

Owenacurra Centre in Midleton 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.

As you may be aware communication is ongoing with between the Department of Health and the HSE in relation to the proposed closure of Owenacurra Approved Centre.

I can confirm that at the time of your query the Acting Head of Service, Mental Health Services in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare wrote to Minister Mary Butler on the 5th August 2022 in relation to Owenacurra. There may have been further communications between other stakeholders within the HSE and the Department during this time period as well but I do not have sight of these if they exist.

I trust the above clarified the queries raised.

Kind Regards,

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