

27th September 2022

Deputy Neasa Hourigan
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 44926/22

“To ask the Minister for Health if HSE management consulted with the Mental Health Commission prior to transferring a resident of a centre (details supplied); if the resident has been accommodated in a single or shared room in unit 3; if the resident was offered a trial placement with the option of returning to the centre in the interim if the placement did not work out; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Detail supplied: the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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.

By way of background, Unit 3 St Stephens is a registered centre with the Mental Health Commission with conditions attached to its registration, relating to admission to the unit.

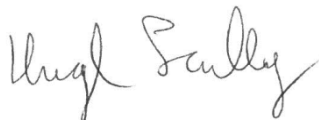
Cork Kerry Community Healthcare cannot, for the purpose of protecting the identities and circumstances of residents, discuss matters pertaining to resident’s transfers to centres.

Unit 3 St Stephens, along with other approved centres, has been the subject of service improvement in the context of issues raised by the Mental Health Commission and the HSE remains committed to improving the resident’s experience of the centre.

Ultimately the HSE wishes to replace or significantly refurbish all approved centre’s accommodation in Cork in line with Regulations and St Stephens is a priority proposed development to this end.

I trust the above clarified the queries raised.

Kind Regards,



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