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Deputy Neasa Hourigan,
Dáil Éireann,
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“To ask the Minister for Health if he will identify the national mental health policy guiding Cork HSE management in its plans to replace long-stay mental health facilities in hospital campus locations in St. Stephen's Hospital and St. Finbarr's Hospital with new congregated settings involving a 50-bed unit in St. Stephen's Hospital and a 20-bed unit in St. Finbarr's Hospital; if he will provide an estimate of the cost of these services, if they are pursued; if any similar mental health service projects are being proposed in other CHOs; 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.

The policy guiding the delivery of Mental Health Services in Cork is the “Cork Mental Health Services Approved Centres Strategic Capital Plan”

There is a requirement for replacement of St Catherine and St Stephens Units.

In early 2022 CKCH MHS convened a working group to deliver a Cork Mental Health Services Strategic Capital Plan, 2022. The Plan is for the medium to long term and sets out the requirements of CKCH to deliver acceptable, recovery orientated acute and semi acute environments. Key services for improvement were outlined in the said plan needing a commitment to on-going investment including, but not limited to:

- Plans to construct appropriate residential services in St Stephen's, Glanmire, Co.Cork

The Plan is to develop 5 No. Households, each comprising of 10 No. single bed & en-suite rooms. With appropriate support rooms e.g. day rooms, sun rooms, dining rooms etc., together with ancillary infrastructure facilities e.g. treatment rooms, internal garden open spaces etc. A full capital submission is currently being worked up on same, once completed the cost for the provision of the said facility will be established.

- Replacement of the St Catherine's facility at St Finbarr's, Cork City.

The Plan is to develop 2 No. Households, each comprising of 10 No. single bed & en-suite rooms. With appropriate support rooms e.g. day rooms, sun rooms, dining rooms etc., together with ancillary infrastructure facilities e.g. treatment rooms, internal garden open spaces etc. The said facilities budget is €27m



The HSE welcomes the inclusion of continuing care in St Stephens Hospital in 2023 National Capital Plan.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie O'Neill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

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