

7th March 2023

Deputy Neasa Hourigan,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 11352/23

“To ask the Minister for Health the implications of Cork HSE management requesting and recently being granted a three year extension of the registration of a centre (details supplied) as an approved centre by the Mental Health Commission; its meaning in the context of HSE plans to close the facility which had been due to conclude by 31 October 2021; 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 renewal of registration for 3 years is not indicative of any change of emphasis or change of course and the Health Service Executive (HSE) continue to plan to close the centre in a much shorter timeframe. The HSE continue to work with the remaining residents and their families in relation to alternative placements.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind regards,



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