

21st March 2023

Deputy Neasa Hourigan,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 12345/23

“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 638 of 5 October 2021, 691 of 29 November 2022, 1553 of 18 January 2023 and 204 of 15 February 2023, if he will provide exact details on staffing for a new facility in Midleton, County Cork that will accommodate three residents with severe and enduring mental health difficulties; the number of staff that will be deployed to the service on a day-to-day basis; if those regular staff who are on site daily will include psychiatric nurses or healthcare assistants or both; 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 Health Service Executive is in the process of purchasing a property in Midleton in order to deliver a commitment to provide a community residence in the town for three residents.

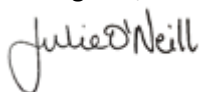
This will be available to anyone in need of residential mental health services who’s needs are assessed (by a psychiatrist) as being met by this type of service.

The HSE’s plan for residential mental health services in the East Cork area will ultimately deliver a much better service for people using our services now, and into the future and in line with Government policy. The purchase of a property will be an exciting development for mental health services in the area, and will allow for people to access residential services within a community.

As the HSE has not yet concluded the purchase of a property, we can make no further comment at this time on any individual property. Any outlay, whether on the purchase price or adaptation works, will be carefully considered and planned so that we achieve value for money also providing appropriate accommodation for the residents.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind regards,



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