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Deputy Neasa Hourigan,
Dáil Éireann,
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“To ask the Minister for Health if a new 24-hour staffed community mental health residence being purchased by the HSE for 3 people in Midleton will be regulated by the Mental Health Commission where the 3 remaining residents of a centre will be accommodated 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 has purchased a property in Midleton in order to deliver a commitment to provide a community residence in the town for three residents. The HSE will adhere to all regulatory requirements in relation to the registration of this property.

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.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind regards,

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