

14th June 2023

Deputy Pearse Doherty
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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PQ ref 18613/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth what action his Department and the HSE will take, following recently published HIQA inspection reports, to ensure that the areas identified that require improvement in James Connolly Memorial Residential Unit and St. Anne's - Naoimh Áine's are addressed without delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Doherty

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 Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response.

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

James Connolly Memorial (JCM) Hospital in Carndonagh continues to provide a home to nine residents and Naomh Áine is home to four residents. Following recent HIQA inspections, a compliance plan was drafted for both centres, each respectively addressing specific actions identified in the HIQA inspections.

The compliance plans, which have been submitted to HIQA, identify areas where improvements are required, along with timelines for these improvements to be completed. These actions have been added to the quality improvement plans within each centre and the Person in Charge monitors and updates them on a weekly basis to ensure the required actions are being carried out. Senior management oversight arrangements in place, ensure ongoing progress is being made and any risks to progress being achieved are escalated appropriately. These include risks which are outside the remit of Disability Services and require engagement with other departments such as Estates and Human Resources.



I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edel Quinn', written in a cursive style.

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