

Ms Neasa Hourigan TD Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street Dublin 2

31st May 2023

PQ 21215/23* To ask the Minister for Health the estimated costs of the construction of independent living pods near the Millfield House mental health facility in Blackpool, Cork; the estimated costs of any additional renovations of Millfield House itself; the HSE managers who proposed these plans; when these proposals were first made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Neasa Hourigan

PQ 23133/23* To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 598 of 25 April 2023, the estimated costs associated with renovations of Millfield House, Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Neasa Hourigan

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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 Health for response.

I propose to address both Parliamentary Questions in this response.

The independent living pods proposed for relocation near the Millfield House mental health facility in Blackpool, Cork were first commissioned and constructed for use in Community Healthcare Organisation 3 during the Covid 19 emergency, these pods have since been transferred for utilization in Community Healthcare Organisation 4

The transport, ground works, installation, ramps, steps and connection to utilities for the four independent living pods is budgeted at €97,500 excluding VAT.

The estimated refurbishment cost for the Millfield House facility is €779,479 excluding VAT.

HSE Capital and Estates were tasked with the renovation of the Millfield House facility and the installation of the four independent living pods on 11th October 2022 by Community Healthcare Organisation 4 management.

Yours sincerely,

Paul de Freine

National Director

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