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Deputy Neasa Hourigan,
Dáil Éireann,
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“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 170 of 9 February 2022 and 597 of 25 April 2023, if he can confirm that the ten-bed replacement service for the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton, will be a 'continuing care' mental health service, as suggested in the response to Parliamentary Question No. 597 of 25 April 2023, bearing in mind that continuing care mental health services have a specific staff: client ratio; how one can reconcile a contention in the same response that the service will be replaced in 2024 with recent briefings from the HSE suggesting that it does not yet have a site identified for this project, nor a 'development team' appointed, nor capital funding secured; 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 HSE will provide a new 10-bed rehabilitative residential unit in Midleton town. An initial appraisal of potential sites for a 10 bed unit in Midleton area is to be undertaken and a full appraisal will be completed when the design team is appointed. The Design Team ETender was submitted by the HSE and the deadline for submission of tenders was 26th May 2023. The tenders are being reviewed currently and the successful tenderers will be advised shortly. Once the design team are appointed a full feasibility review of sites will be conducted. The current outline project plan is very ambitious with a goal of commencing building in Quarter 1 2024, with a view to completion of the unit by Q1 2025, followed by a 6-8 week transition period prior to occupation. The development team will be appointed once capital approval is received for the unit.

Our 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.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

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