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Deputy Mark Ward, Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

PQ 25356/23 – "To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the rollout of adult and adolescent eating disorder services at 1D Griffith Avenue, as outlined in an article (details supplied); the cause of delay for these services; the expected date for when these services will be operational; if the temporary services in Maryfield Cottage in Swords will continue until services in Griffith Avenue are operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter." Mark Ward TD DETAILS SUPPLIED: https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/arid-41141305.html

Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

It is a key priority for Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) to provide Adult and Adolescent Eating Disorder Services as quickly as possible. Recruitment is at an advanced stage for the adult team and is underway for the adolescent team.

CHO DNCC's Adult Eating Disorder Team are temporarily located at Maryfield Cottage in Swords. A feasibility study was carried out for suitability of the premises at 1D Griffith Avenue to accommodate both the Adult and Adolescent Eating Disorder Teams. However, due to the timescales involved and scope of works required to bring the premises up to the standard required, an alternative option was pursued.

I can confirm we have received approval to proceed with an alternative premises to provide coterminous accommodation for the Adult and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Eating Disorder Teams in Northwood Business Park, Santry, Dublin 9. Design works are at an advanced stage Subject to agreement of final heads of terms with the landlord, it is anticipated that works will commence in the coming weeks. A final programme of works is to be confirmed. It is anticipated both teams will be co-located at this premises later this year.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Donal Cassidy** 

**Head of Service Mental Health** 

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