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Mr. Johnny Mythen T.D.,  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 47166/23**

To ask the Minister for Health what plans are in place to secure the future of a centre (details supplied) that has announced that it is to close due to inadequate annual funding from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**PQ 47167/23**

To ask the Minister for Health regarding the announced closure of a centre (details supplied) due to inadequate annual funding from his Department, if he will intervene and ensure the centre remains operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Mythen,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

The HSE Mental Health Service in Wexford had a Grant Aid Agreement with the Forde Counselling Service for the annual amount of €20,000 and were happy to continue this arrangement. It is unfortunate that the centre had to close however, this is outside of authority and remit of the HSE.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Donaghey".

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**Anne Donaghey**  
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