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**“To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a service provided by a group (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter”**

**Details supplied: “Minister as you know great works is done by the voluntary organisation ALANON. They were operating in Tralee out of a HSE owned building at Caherane house, Spa Road, Tralee. Unfortunately this group has been given notice to leave, the reason being given is confidentiality. The operators of this excellent service have assured me that there is no compromise to anybody’s confidentiality and it is an ideal location. The difficulty is that the HSE evict these people from the services they are providing, people will have no place to go, no options and therefore the service could possibly have to discontinue. And could the Minister make a statement on the matter”**

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

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.

Al Anon have been using a room in Caherina House, Tralee for evening meetings for several years. This dates back to when the centre operated as a Day Hospital.

More recently the function of Caherina House has changed and it has become the location for the single point of referral mental health assessment Hub for the county.

As such it is a busy clinic and confidential information relating to service users is kept on-site. Al Anon uses the center outside of regular working hours, during times when there is no HSE presence in the building. Regrettably, due to concerns related to GDPR compliance and health and safety, we find it necessary to discontinue this arrangement, considering the HSE's legislative obligations.

Please be assured that the HSE will be instrumental in locating a new site.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

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