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Ref: PQ 9582/24– Cherry Orchard Hospital

PQ Question:

To ask the Minister for Health for an update the movement of elderly residents out of the willow and sycamore units in Cherry Orchard Hospital; if he will provide a progress report on works carried out at the units; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

“Mark Ward”

Response:

There are significant issues relating to the floors in the Willow and Sycamore Units, which require substantial repair work to ensure that they are safe for residents and staff. Because of the extensive and disruptive nature of the works in both units, residents will have to be accommodated elsewhere temporarily. All residents will be invited to return to the units once the renovation works have been completed.

Older Persons Services continues to engage with residents and their families in relation to this temporary relocation using the principles of the Assisted Decision Making Act. The HSE is offering residents the opportunity to transfer to Clondalkin Lodge Nursing Home temporarily. However, a resident can transfer to another registered nursing home if they wish. 41 residents have temporarily relocated.

We regret that residents will have to be accommodated elsewhere temporarily. Our residents' health and safety are paramount, and we will address the structural issues promptly to ensure that the residents can return as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Loraine Kennedy

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