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PQ Question:

To ask the Minister for Health further to Questions on Promised Legislation on 25 April 2024, if the Minister for Older People will allow the remaining 16 Cherry Orchard Residents in the willow and sycamore units be moved to willow east; if the repair work in willow east has been carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

“Mark Ward”

Response:

Dear Deputy,

On Thursday 23rd May 2024, HSE informed all residents, their families, and staff that the completion of the permanent flooring and fire safety works, that are necessary to address health and safety risks, will require the closure of both the Willow and Sycamore units in Cherry Orchard Hospital by the 15th of July 2024.

Since November 2023, the HSE has been engaging with residents and their families to find suitable temporary placements and to date the majority of residents have temporarily transferred. As of 31st May 2024, 15 residents remain on site in the Willow and Sycamore Units.

A local transition support team is engaging directly with residents on an ongoing basis in relation to their will and preference, and their concerns, as part of this necessary relocation. A key focus is to minimise risk and to support residents and their families with this temporary relocation, recognising each resident’s care needs, care plan and capacity to communicate.

The HSE is nearing completion of refurbishment works on the Hazel Unit in Cherry Orchard Hospital which will require HIQA registration. The Hazel unit will be made available as an additional relocation option for all residents and families and is designed as a multi occupancy unit with either two or three beds. This option is in addition to the temporary single ensuite accommodation available in Clondalkin Lodge or in another available registered Nursing Home of their choice. All residents will be given the option to return to the Willow and Sycamore Units once the permanent works have been completed.

The ongoing provision of services for older persons at Cherry Orchard Hospital is an essential part of the HSE’s plan to support older persons to access services closer to home.

Yours sincerely,

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