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Ciarán Ahern TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Ref: PQ 15772/25

Re: "To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for an update on the status of Cheeverstown House, Templeogue, Dublin 6W; if it is ultimately planned to wind down and close this facility, or whether it will continue to be a much-needed centre for people with additional needs in the locality; if there are any plans to re-open the swimming pool and hall; whether the HSE have a long-term plan for the Cheeverstown House site; and if she will make a statement on the matter."

-Ciarán Ahern

Dear Deputy Ahern,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Questions which has been referred by the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The below response has been provided by Chief Executive Officer, Cheeverstown;

Status Update:

Cheeverstown continues to progress its strategic priority of moving towards full community integration. This aligns with the national policy outlined in the report "Time to Move on from Congregated Settings – A strategy for Community Inclusion" published in 2011 and adopted in 2012. The policy advocates for person-centered approaches, enabling individuals to lead the lives they want within their communities.

Progress to Date:

- All New Directions support services are now provided in community hubs, not on Cheeverstown campus.

- A significant number of people have already transitioned to homes in local communities.
- All new service developments are community based
- By the end of 2025, 32 people will remain residing on campus, with ongoing transition plans for opportunities for these people to move to homes in their local community.

Future Plans:

Cheeverstown services will continue within the local community, with bespoke supports in place rather than centre-based care. There are no plans to re-open the swimming pool and hall. People will now access local health clubs, gyms, and other community facilities as part of their everyday life.

Long-term Plan for Cheeverstown House Site:

Cheeverstown CLG owns the site. The Cheeverstown Board of Directors are exploring their options, and the current concept is a housing development including some homes for people supported by Cheeverstown in this community setting. In line with National policy, the congregate setting in Templeogue will phase out and all residential supports provided by Cheeverstown will be community based.

I trust this information is of use to you. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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