

2nd May 2025

Deputy Liam Quaide,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2

PQ ref 16848/25

“To ask the Minister for Health the cost to date of hotel accommodation for former residents of (details supplied) since the premises was vacated in October 2023; a breakdown of work completed on a property on (details supplied) for some of the former residents; the commencement date for those works; a time-frame for their completion; and the purchase date of that property.”

Details supplied: “Owenacurra Centre, Midleton and property on O'Dwyer's Road, Midleton”

Dear Deputy Quaide,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The cost to date of hotel accommodation for former residents for MHS to date amounts to €553,408.95

As part of the HSE strategy, it was planned to purchase and renovate two dwellings to facilitate the relocation of residents from the Owenacurra Centre. One of these dwellings has been purchased, renovated and in use by the Service. The second dwelling identified which is now the subject of this PQ.

Works carried out on the property to date;

- The second dwelling was first identified in October 2023
- The existing dwelling was inspected and surveyed as part of the conveyancing for the property in November 2023
- The completion of the conveyance for the dwelling was 27th February 2024
- To enable the safe exploration opening up works, asbestos was removed from the dwelling between April and May 2024
- The plan layout was then developed and approved by the Mental Health Service.
- Detailed opening up works were carried out on the dwelling in June and July 2024, so as to enable the detailed development of the design, the design was then further developed.
- The construction works for the project, was tendered via etenders August 2024, the results of which were reviewed by the QS at the end of September 2024 with discussions ongoing up November 2024.
- The Contractor has commenced on site and the works are due to be completed by December 2025.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Declan Cronin
Acting Head of Service
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