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Deputy Liam Quaide,
Dáil Éireann,
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“To ask the Minister for Health for an update on Saol Nua mental health service in Skibbereen following plans to relocate residents in July 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

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 and the following outlines the position.

We wish to confirm there are no plans to relocate the residents of Saol Nua. In July 2024, due to temporary staffing challenges, consideration was given to temporarily relocate the residents in order to facilitate the re-opening of the newly refurbished Centre for Mental Health Care and Recovery in Bantry. However, the staffing challenges were resolved and the temporary relocation was not required

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

Yours sincerely,

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