

25th June 2025

Deputy Michael Collins,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 34295/25

“To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE mental health facility at Perrot House, Coolnagarrane, Skibbereen is closing (details supplied)”.

Details supplied: Many families of residents have contacted us in distress that their loved ones maybe moved to Glanmire in Cork. It seems no consultation has taken place with the residents of their families. It all appears very similar to the closure of the Ballinacurra mental health facility near Midleton in Co. Cork.

Dear Deputy Collins,

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.

Perrott House is a community residence situated on the grounds of the community hospital in Skibbereen. Operated by the Mental Health Services, it provides support to service users in the mental health service across the West Cork area and currently accommodates five residents.

To ensure the continued delivery of safe and appropriate care in Perrott House, a steering group was established in November 2024. This group is tasked with developing both medium- and long-term strategies for care delivery. This includes a comprehensive review of the resident cohort and their care needs in the context of the level and type of care that can be delivered in a mental health service community residence. Several engagements have been held with both the patients and their identified family supports. There is a strong commitment to supporting current residents throughout this process.

I can confirm there are no plans to close Perrott House. A recent fire safety inspection highlighted several areas in need of attention. Immediate concerns are being addressed through an active program of remedial works and the provision of equipment and training for staff.

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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