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Mr Michael Lowry TD
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Dear Deputy Lowry,

I refer to your correspondence dated 2nd September 2025.

I wish to clarify, that the staff of Bartra are not employees of the Health Service Executive (HSE) and any obligations relating to their employment status remain solely with Bartra as their employer.

It is understood that many employees have been issued contracts, both fixed-term of varying duration and in addition, more concerningly, a number of permanent contracts with Bartra. This was despite Bartra knowingly entering into a fixed term 12-month contract of service with the HSE to provide rehabilitation services.

The HSE is not involved in a service or employment transfer process. The services of Nenagh Community Nursing Unit will provide a HSE-led model of service delivery for long-term residential care, commencing in the last quarter of this year.

I appreciate the services they have provided to the HSE to date whilst employed with Bartra and understand the challenging circumstances they are facing as a result of the commitments provided to them by Bartra Management.

As the HSE is not a party to the employment contracts, it is recommended that any further discussion regarding their employment status be directed to Bartra.

I can confirm that we are actively recruiting across all CNU's within Acute and Older Persons services and warmly welcome applications from interested and suitably skilled individuals who wish to join the organisation including staff currently employed by Bartra.

Kind Regards,

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