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PQ 38513/19

To ask the Minister for Health if the affirmation that Arden House, Wexford will be opened and operational at the end of March 2020 will be confirmed.

Dear Deputy Mythen,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed that matter and liaised with HSE Estates and the following is the current position.

The main capital works required to deliver services at Arden House have been undertaken and were completed in Quarter 4, 2019. After handover additional safety issues were identified which need to be addressed prior to occupation. It is understood that the Architect has been liaising with the Mental Health Service representatives and the Landlord in order to agree the necessary remedial action required.

There are challenges in securing builders for minor works, however in January 2020 the Architect instructed the Builder regarding works to stairs and access control to side door. The overall works will be required to be signed off pursuant to Health and Safety requirements following which the premises will be available for use by the CAMHS South Wexford Team.

Should you require any further information in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Heffernan".

David Heffernan
Head of Mental Health Services
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