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Deputy Neasa Hourigan,
Dáil Éireann,
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“To ask the Minister for Health the current number of residents residing in Garnish House; the projected closure time of that mental health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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.

Garnish House had facilitated the provision of residential support services with single-bedroom occupancy by HSE staff for both Millfield House residents and individuals who were previously sharing bedrooms at other mental health community residences in Cork during the pandemic. The HSE vacated Garnish House on 14th December 2023. Following a comprehensive refurbishment program, Millfield House and Apartments in Blackpool, Cork, has recently reopened.

The residents previously residing in Garnish House have moved back to Millfield House and apartments.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

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