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** To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise on the proposed closure of mental health services Ard Mhuire, Ballinasloe, County Galway and relocation to admissions unit attached to St. Brigid's Campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position;

The Day Service currently provided from Ard Mhuire is being provided in a rented premises. The landlord has given the HSE notice to quit as they have advised that they wish to occupy the premises themselves. Despite our best efforts with HSE Estates to identify a suitable alternative premises over many months, we could not identify a suitable premises in Ballinasloe town.

The only alternative to closing the day service was relocate the service to the St Brigid's Campus where we have been able to identify space, internally and externally to accommodate the needs of the Day Centre service. Returning to the campus is not the preferred option but there simply were not appropriate alternatives on the market. We identified space in the St Brigid's campus and have arranged renovation and modification to reflect the needs of the Day Service. We anticipate that the works will be completed in time to relocate before the end of the year.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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