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Deputy Brendan Griffin T.D.,  
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**PQ ref 38035/24:**

**“To ask the Minister for Health for children if the HSE will examine all avenues available to keep a nursing home in County Kerry open (details supplied) given the excellent care patients receive there; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.**

**Details Supplied:**

**Ocean View Nursing Home, Camp, Tralee, Co. Kerry**

Dear Deputy Griffin,

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.

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has become the temporary registered provider for continuing services at Ocean View Living Camp Nursing Home, in line with the provisions of Section 64 of the Health Act 2007, from 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The HSE does not own Ocean View and is currently supporting its operation on a specific and limited basis as set out under Section 64 of the Act, which is to identify alternative arrangements as soon as practicable.

We recognise that the Health Information and Quality Authority’s (HIQA) decision to cancel the registration of Ocean View Care Home Camp Ltd has been distressing for the residents, families and staff within the home. Since the HSE became the temporary provider of care at Ocean Living Camp, we have prioritised the safety, welfare and wellbeing of residents and this remains our key focus. A HSE team is on-site every day as we are committed to keeping residents, families and staff updated on this evolving situation. SAGE Advocacy is available to provide independent support and guidance. We also continue to engage with HIQA and the owners of Ocean View Living Camp.

The HSE has duties as provider of last resort under Section 64 of the Health Act but it is important to note that the HSE is an interim provider of the service only. The HSE is seeking to provide safe care to residents, families and staff against a background of serious concerns about fire safety at the home. We have taken urgent actions to reduce the risks to residents and staff around fire safety. However, it should be noted that, as the HSE does not own the building which houses Ocean View nursing home, the HSE has no legal right to utilise public money to carry out any significant works to a building which is still owned by a private company and which the owner of the building may have plans for. The HSE role in managing the care home is a limited one.



I recognise that Ocean View Living Camp has been a very happy home for its residents. Our shared interest is the safety and wellbeing of all residents. The HSE will continue to support them, their families and staff during this difficult time. The HSE team on site is committed to continue working closely with each resident individually.

I trust this clarifies the position. All stakeholders will be kept updated as this situation evolves and options are examined. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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Jackie Daly  
Head of Service for Older Persons

