

4th February 2025

Mr. Pa Daly, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 46462/24

“To ask the Minister for Health if a number of issues pertaining to a day centre (details supplied) in Dingle will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details Supplied: Use of Camphill in Dingle, Tearmann Day Centre and plans for the future.

Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to respond to your parliamentary question submitted to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response.

Camphill Communities of Ireland (CCOI) Dingle are not closing. CCOI Dingle have a plan to transition from a congregated setting, located in a rural area outside Dingle town to houses located in Dingle town. These moves, in adherence to the recommendations set out in *Time to Move on from Congregated Settings Report* will ensure that each person is supported in a location and manner which best meets their assessed needs and provide opportunities for community integration.

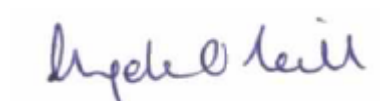
Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) Disability Services and Camphill management met with families in December 2024 to discuss this planned move. As a follow up, representatives of Camphill have scheduled further meetings with each impacted service user and their family. The Camphill team have advised that the meetings will take place over the coming weeks and that all meetings will have taken place before the end of February. These meetings will focus on each person's needs and how Camphill Dingle will support them as they transition to their new homes in Dingle town.

Camphill Dingle also provide day services for 11 people. Those attending are people supported in the residential service as well as people residing with their families in Dingle and its environs.

CKCH Disability Services cannot comment on the future plans for the Tearmann building as the initial consultation with families is ongoing. The immediate priority is to engage with current service users and their families.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



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