

13th May 2021

Deputy Holly Cairns,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ 22023/21

“To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking in response to the plans to sell off facilities for persons with physical and intellectual disabilities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details supplied: St Mary of the Angels Beaufort, Kerry)

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare have a number of forums in place to engage with families associated with Saint John of Gods, namely Saint Mary of Angels Stakeholders Group and Saint John of God Family Forum.

I can confirm that information available to us regarding transition of services is shared with the family groups. In addition, the National Disability Strategy office have set up a national group with members of the family representatives groups for St. John of Gods services across the country. There are two representatives from the family groups in Kerry on this national group. The National Disability Strategy office are engaging with all stakeholders on a regular basis.

I wish to advise that your concerns regarding the lands and facilities in relation to St. Mary's of the Angels will be brought to the attention of the National group which was set up by the National Disability Strategy office. CKCH is not aware of any plans to sell off lands in connection with St. Marys of the Angels.

I trust this clarifies the situation for you.

Yours sincerely,



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