



Minister Denis Naughten
Government Buildings
Merrion Street
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10th July 2018

Re Rosalie Unit

Dear Minister,

I refer our meeting on Thursday last and our conversation in relation to the Rosalie Unit. At the meeting you referred to previous commitments in 2015, made by then health minister, that the Rosalie Unit will continue to form part of the service delivery for older people. I wish to confirm that there will be no change to the position set out in the 2015 commitment.

As previously stated, any change of use for this unit would only be considered in consultation with public representatives and stakeholders in the area. The HSE are currently assessing the needs of the CHO and how best the Rosalie unit can provide for those needs.

The matter of the best interests of the current residents of the unit is an entirely separate issue and I have requested the HSE to pause all assessments of the current resident's needs, and discussions about their future care plans.

The HSE will appoint an Independent Advocate for each of the current residents who do not have a next of kin. These advocates, along with the next of kin where available, will then be invited by the HSE to agree a process to complete an independent assessment of each resident to assess the most appropriate long term care plan for that individual.

A social assessment will also take place and include the family's input and participation. Staff who cared for residents must also be consulted. Both of these assessments will inform what is best for the resident in terms of where they can be best cared for.

No decision can be made on the future of any resident pending a final decision on the exact future role which the Rosalie unit will provide for.

It was always my intention to discuss a long term future use for the unit with public representatives after the clinical assessment process had completed, however I am happy to bring this forward after noting the level of concern expressed by yourself and other public representatives in the area. This process will finally agree a specific service to be delivered from the unit based on the demographic needs of the area, and deliver on the 2015 policy position. I propose we schedule a meeting in the coming weeks to commence this process.

Yours Sincerely,



Jim Daly TD

Minister for Mental Health and Older People