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Deputy Chief Inspector Social Services
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Re: St Brigid's Crooksling & Tymon North

Dear Ms Cliffe,

I am writing to you in relation to St Brigid's Crooksling, Centre ID OSV 0000472, which was due to move to a new purpose built facility in Tymon North Tallaght (subject to registration), thank you for your offer of assistance in terms of expediting the registration process.

Unfortunately, due to the unprecedented demands on our health system and the need to respond to the current COVID 19 crisis it has been decided by the HSE that the Tymon North premises will be utilised to manage health needs of service users from the acute who require piped oxygen, which is available in Tymon North.

However, when the COVID 19 crisis abates it is expected the premises in Tymon North will be available to register as a designated centre for the care of older persons and enable the transfer of residents from St Brigid's to Tymon North.

This decision has been made by our local crisis management team (CMT) in anticipation of the projected number of persons in this area who may require urgent respiratory intervention and the shortage of single isolation beds for the area. We will continue to review this decision at CMT which is meeting on a daily basis and if the circumstances change we will contact you immediately in terms of assisting us with registration.

We are already experiencing a very high number of persons who are testing positive. We thank you for your cooperation with this decision.

Yours sincerely

Ann O'Shea
Chief Officer, Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow Community Healthcare

cc Carol Cuffe, Head of Service Older Persons
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