

03 December 2020

Mr P Warren - Gray  
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Dear Mr Warren – Gray

Further to our Zoom meeting on Wednesday 18 November 2020, there have been ongoing email communications between Mr Joel Gray, on your behalf and my office in respect of your proposal, that MPS Care Limited (MPS) would provide the Trust with the opportunity to lease the Valley Nursing Home (Valley) and continue to run it as a nursing Home, subject to successful registration with the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA).

As agreed, I can advise that I updated the Regional Incident Management Team on this proposal. The Trust has sought some expert advice in respect of the leasing process, which I can advise would take some time to make a determination on, therefore as I discussed with Joel Gray yesterday, the Trust is not currently minded to enter into such an agreement in respect of Valley at this time.

The Trust continues to contract with Valley Nursing Home (MPS) Limited for the delivery of services at the Valley. Leaving to one side the current regulatory action by RQIA, we understand that your contractual arrangement with Health Care Ireland (HCI) will cease on 12 December 2020 following the service of notice of termination by you.

It is important at this time that you, as the contract holder, provide clear direction to the Trust on how you propose to comply with the Terms and Condition of your contract for the provision of services at the Valley when your current arrangement with HCI ends. The Trusts priority in this contractual arrangement has been, and remains, the care and wellbeing of the residents placed in this facility.

Due to the current and ongoing uncertainty regarding future arrangements at the Valley, the Southern Trust, with the Western Trust and in line with our duty of care, continues to support clients and their advocates and to pursue and develop a range of contingency arrangements, for the care of our clients placed in the Valley Nursing Home, should this be required.

Whilst I appreciate this is a challenging time for you also, however as the contract holder I would welcome clarification on your intention as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely



**Mr B Beattie**  
**Director of Older Persons Services (Interim)**

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