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Mr. Paul Kehoe T.D. Minister of State at the Department of Defence Dáil Eireann Kildare Street Dublin 2

PQ 16183/19

To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE building on Georges St., Co Wexford is to be used as a methadone treatment facility following the successful awarding of planning permission; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Minister Kehoe,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive applied for planning permission for change of use of its premises in George's Street which includes provision of a lift to facilitate full access to the entire building.

Key to the process of developing the new primary care centre in Grogan's Road was a review of HSE service provision and location across Wexford Town and its environs. The proposed change of use of the premises in George's Street resulted from this review.

Since my last correspondence to you in January 2019, I can confirm that the HSE has still not made a final decision on the location of the Substance Misuse Services in Wexford.

Should you have any further queries in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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