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PQ 49360/19 * To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to plans to demolish a building (details supplied) in County Cork; and his views on whether appropriate measures were taken in relation to the decision. - Sean Sherlock

the old Famine Workhouse at St Finbarr's in Cork

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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

The old Famine Workhouse at St. Finbarr's Hospital in Cork is not being demolished. It is planned to refurbish the building internally to provide meeting rooms/offices. In addition, in the central core area of the building, a room for displaying artefacts found in various buildings located on the campus over the years is also being provided as part of the planned refurbishment.

In consultation with the Architectural Conservation Office of Cork City Council planning department, modern built extensions (circa late 1960's) to the rear of the old Famine workhouse entrance were removed for safety reasons.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Curran
Head of Estates