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Ms Carol Nolan T.D.,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Re: Parliamentary Question - 11679/21**

To ask the Minister for Health the status of HSE work to transfer the community mental health services in Birr, County Offaly; if the attention of the HSE has been drawn to the delays this is subsequently causing to the transfer of a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Carol Nolan

Details - Gaelscoil na Laochra

Dear Deputy Nolan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you recently submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline response as follows.

I can confirm that the HSE are aware of Gaelscoil na Laochra's interest in the HSE property in Wilmer Road, Birr.

In line with Circulars 11/15 Protocol for the Transfer and Sharing of State Property Assets and Circular 17 /2016 Policy for the Acquisition and for Disposal of Surplus Property, the HSE has been in consultation with the Department of Education for some time in relation to the potential for the Community Mental Health Centre, on Wilmer Road in Birr, to become the permanent home for Gaelscoil na Laochra.

The HSE and Department of Education had a constructive meeting in March 2020 to discuss the practicalities and formalities around any potential transfer in respect of same. The HSE has not received any update from the Department of Education since this meeting to move this forward.

I hope the above information provides clarification to your query as it relates to HSE Mental Health Services.

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Des O'Flynn', written in a cursive style.

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Des O'Flynn  
Chief Officer  
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