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PQ 48950/21 /21* To ask the Minister for Health the status of a closed facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter - St. Brigid's, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. -Claire Kerrane

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

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.

Under the Protocol for the Intra State Transfer of State Property Assets and the Protocol for the Intra State Sharing of Property Assets, and as advised by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER), the HSE invited expressions of interest from relevant State Bodies/Stakeholders and Local Authorities. This process concluded and there were no expressions of interest for the property.

HSE Estates are currently looking at progressing the disposal of the surplus lands and buildings at St Brigid's. The retention of some elements of the land/buildings for future use are also being considered. This includes a site for the development of a proposed new Primary & Ambulatory Care Centre in the context of the Enhanced Community Care (ECC) programme. Also the HSE is engaging with the Department of Education & Skills with regard to a site acquisition to cater for a new purpose built Special School to accommodate St Teresa's Special School, Ballinasloe, Co Galway. This sale has been agreed, subject to planning permission and the Department of Education & Skills are progressing same.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Curran National Director.

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