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Deputy Catherine Murphy, TD
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 18291/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if patient records were retained from persons that were in St Ita's Hospital, Dublin; and if so, the current storage location of these records. **Catherine Murphy TD**

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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

I wish to advise that Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County Mental Health Service inclusive of St Joseph's Intellectual Disability Services maintains an archive of records for its past and present service users at its administrative headquarters at St Ita's Campus in Portrane. These records are maintained in line with the Health Service Executive Standards and Recommended Practices for Healthcare Records Management 2011 and Records Retention Policy 2013. The records are stored in a secure location on the campus which guarantees the integrity and confidentiality of all records with controlled staff access.

Records can be accessed through the Freedom of Information process. Details of this can be found at <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/yourhealthservice/info/foi/making-a-request>

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

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