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Deputy Catherine Murphy, TD
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 18292/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if patient records were retained for persons that died in St. Brendan's Hospital, Dublin; and if so, the current storage location of these records.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Under the Record Retention Policy 2013, mental health records must be retained for eight years after the death of the service user.

I can confirm that there are a number of archived records relating to patients from St Brendan's Hospital in both St Ita's Hospital in Portrane and the National Archives of Ireland.

In order to access these records you must undergo 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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