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Re: PQ 27244/22– Elm Mount unit, SVUH

“To ask the Minister for Health if the Elm Mount unit at St. Vincent’s University Hospital campus is fully-owned by the State including the land; if same is a leasehold; if the State can apply for a freehold; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

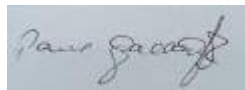
Dear Deputy Ward,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on Elm Mount unit at St. Vincent’s University Hospital (SVUH) campus, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that The Elm Mount Acute Psychiatric Unit at St. Vincent’s University Hospital and the land upon which it sits is fully owned by St. Vincent’s Health Care Group. A grant agreement was entered into in 2010 between the HSE and St. Vincent’s Health Care Group which was designed to protect the interest of the State in this facility, and to ensure in particular that it will continue to be used for the intended purpose as a Public Hospital. The Grant Agreement arrangements allow and make provision for the HSE to acquire the relevant lands and buildings if necessary in order to protect the interest of the State.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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