



14<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Mr. John McGuinness TD  
Dail Eireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ 27413/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the progress being made in completing an action plan for the development of the former St. Canice's Hospital site, Dublin Road, Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and liaised with colleagues in HSE Capital and Estates who have advised that the following update is the current position.*

HSE Estates have engaged with Kilkenny County Council in the preparation of a Masterplan exercise to determine the appropriate land use for the St Canice's Campus in the overall context of its location within Kilkenny city. Whilst the process had been ongoing it was subsequently delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and having regarding for Covid-19 service pressures and related priorities for HSE Estates.

In May 2021, HSE re-commenced this engagement with Kilkenny County Council. This involved a pre-draft public consultation for six weeks, which included an online public meeting held in July 2021; the results of which will be incorporated into the overall process.

The HSE in association with Kilkenny County Council is currently finalising the draft masterplan for the Campus - this will be available (public display) in the coming months as part of the public consultation. Following this, it is intended that the draft plan will be formally adopted by the HSE and Kilkenny County Council.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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