



Mr Chris Andrews, TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

22nd November 2022

PQ 55570/22* To ask the Minister for Health the action that is being taken to reverse the dereliction of a HSE-owned building (details supplied: Royal Hospital, Baggot Street, Dublin 2). -Chris Andrews

Dear Deputy Andrews,

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.

The former Royal Hospital, on Baggot Street, Dublin 2 is comprehended by the HSE Vacant Property Protocol. This requires the HSE to notify our insurers of the status of the property and undertake routine inspections and servicing as required in line with statutory guidance. I can confirm that minor works are carried out at the site to address any reactive maintenance or other necessary works identified.

The site of the Hospital is strategically important in terms of future Primary Care service delivery in the South Dublin Inner City catchment area. Advisors have been appointed to advance the Primary Care proposal through feasibility, initiation and design of the project.

The remainder of the site and buildings which are not suitable for healthcare provision will be disposed of in accordance with Government Circular, 17/2016: Policy for Property Acquisition and for Disposal of Surplus Property.





I can also confirm that the former Royal Hospital at Baggot Street was identified among a list of HSE vacant properties provided to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), through the Department of Health, for consideration as potentially suitable for use in response to the Ukraine humanitarian crisis. HSE Capital and Estates have facilitated access to the building as requested by other stakeholder for the purposes of assessment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul de Freine', written over a horizontal line.

Paul de Freine
National Director,
Capital & Estates