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PQ 42426* To ask the Minister for Health if a study can be carried out to investigate if St. Finian's Hospital, Killarney (details supplied: Minister as you know we are in a huge housing crisis. Could the HSE look at St Finian's Hospital in Killarney with a view to dividing it into apartments). It is in a perfect location for shopping, schools etc. There are big grounds around which is ideal for families) can be used for accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Healy-Rae

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

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.

Enabling works for the new Community Nursing Unit, to be built on a section of the St. Finian's property, have been completed and the construction of the new Community Nursing Unit is due to commence shortly, once the contract has been awarded. This new unit is set to replace the existing St. Columbanus & District Community Hospitals.

Earlier this year, in response to the housing needs of people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine, and broader housing pressures nationally, the HSE undertook a preliminary review of its property portfolio and compiled a list of its properties, not currently in use, which may be suitable for housing purposes. This information was shared with colleagues in the Department of Health. St Finian's Hospital was included in that list of properties. No further representations have been received from the State agencies completing the reviews of these properties.

Yours sincerely,

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