



Mr Matt Shanahan, TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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3rd May 2023

PQ 17452/23* To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a long standing commitment to the refurbishment of a building in the old St. Otterans site in Waterford so that community services presently located on the acute hospital campus at UHW could move to this new location thereby freeing up space within the main campus which is badly needed to provide new medical bed space (details supplied if he can explain why the refurbishment of this building in Saint Otterans stopped with a renovation of the roof and the site has now been left unworked for a period of almost a year); if he will provide the updated status as to when this building will be refurbished and in a position to receive community services out of the acute hospital campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Shanahan

Dear Deputy Shanahan,

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.

St Otterans is an 1850's era protected building of architectural significance. In this regard enabling works have recently been completed in line with planning legislation for protected structures. The initial focus was on stabilization of the building structure. There were significant health and safety issues to be addressed, and work also required as a result of damage to the roof of the building.

It is proposed to refurbish St Otteran's for use as accommodation for community services which are presently located on the acute hospital campus at University Hospital Waterford. Having completed the enabling works, a tender competition for the refurbishment is currently concluding with a formal building contractor appointment expected in the near future.



The refurbishment works in St Otterans are scheduled to be completed within a very tight programme period, by the end Q3 2024, with equipment procurement and transfer of services to follow in Q4 2024.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul de Freine', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul de Freine
National Director,
Capital & Estates