

24<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

Mr. David Stanton, TD  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ: 17483/23**

**"To ask the Minister for Health to outline his plans for the future use of a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter."**

**Detail Supplied: St. Raphael's Centre, Youghal, Co. Cork**

Dear Deputy Staunton,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for response.

Many parts of St. Raphael's Centre are still in use. Primary Care Services utilise the facility for Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy clinics and there are further plans to relocate Podiatry and Dietetics also. HSE school vaccinations programme, COVID and Flu vaccination clinics also function from St. Raphaels.

Administration and ancillary services for the centre continue to operate out of the building and rooms are in use for training purposes and serve as meeting rooms for HSE staff as and when required.

Youghal First Responders have a training room on site.

Oakvale, the Designated Centre for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities remains on the campus.

There are plans to build a 60 bed Community Nursing Unit (CNU) on the grounds.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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