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RE: PQ 1066 - To ask the Minister for Health the steps which are being taken to decant services from the St. Brigid's Hospital Campus in Ballinasloe; if he will outline the remaining services on the site; the steps that are being taken to relocate such services; the timeline involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Naughten,

I refer to the above PQ. The following outlines the recent developments and current position regarding St Brigid's former hospital site.

Under the Protocol for the Intra State Transfer and Sharing of State Property Assets and the Protocol for the Policy for Property Acquisition and for Disposal of Surplus Property, the HSE identified various properties within St. Brigid's Campus including the former Mental Health facility on the State Property Register as surplus/available property.

In September 2018, the Office of Public Works (OPW) expressed an initial only interest in considering St Brigid's Hospital and adjacent lands for their business needs. The following October 2019, after examination and consideration the OPW advised they were not interested as they believed the property was not suitable.

The Department of Education and Skills made a formal expression of interest for the transfer of 4 acres of land for the provision of new school accommodation. This sale has been agreed and is subject to planning permission which the Department of Education & Skills are progressing.

HSE will be retaining existing health facilities currently in operation along with elements of land for potential future use and development. This will likely include a potential development site for a proposed new Primary & Ambulatory Care Centre in the context of the Enhanced Community Care (ECC) programme. The remaining surplus lands and buildings including the old hospital buildings are to be disposed of. In order for the HSE to dispose of the former mental health buildings & land identified as surplus to requirements, the HSE is working through some steps to prepare the property for disposal. This has recently included decanting of some remaining mental health services. There are a small number of other services to be decanted along with the preparation/rectification of title/folios maps and decommissioning of utility services.

Yours sincerely


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Chief Officer