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PQ 3683/23*To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 808 of 5 April 2022, the reason a buy-and-leaseback arrangement is preferred rather than the HSE retaining full ownership of the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane (See additional info for previous 18000/22)

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

A decision has yet to be made as to the preferred delivery mechanism for the proposed new primary care centre to be located on the site of the Baggot Street Hospital site. A sale and leaseback arrangement, with a buy-out option, is one of a number of options to be considered.

In this regard a number of factors will be taken into consideration, including the healthcare requirements of the local community, speed of delivery, value for money, risk, and affordability.

Should a decision be made to dispose of some or all of the remaining property on the site, this will be done in accordance with the HSE Property Protocol and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER) Circular 11/2015 *Protocol for the Transfer and Sharing of state Property Assets* and Circular 17/2016 *Policy for Property Acquisition and for Disposal of Surplus Property*.

Yours sincerely,

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