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**PQ 4354/23** – *“To ask the Minister for Health his views on the recent closure of a resource centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter” - Duncan Smith TD*  
**DETAILS SUPPLIED:** Loft Cabra Resource Centre

**PQ 4355/23** – *“To ask the Minister for Health if he will guarantee the same level of services will be provided to people in addiction and their families following the closure of a resource centre (details supplied); if he will guarantee the services that will be available in the Cabra area; and if he will make a statement on the matter”*  
– **Duncan Smith TD**  
**DETAILS SUPPLIED:** Loft Cabra Resource Centre

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above two Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In October 2022, HSE Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and Council (CHO DNCC) Social Inclusion engaged with the Board of Management of Cabra Resource Centre (trading as The LOFT) regarding the level of service provision in relation to value for money. The Board made CHO DNCC Social Inclusion aware of the intentions of the current landlord to sell the building when the current lease expired on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. The Board also stated that they were struggling to meet the governance conditions required under HSE funding, with two of the four Board members intending to retire at the end of 2022.

A decision was made by the Board of Cabra Resource Centre, in agreement with CHO DNCC Social Inclusion, to wind up the company on the condition a service would be maintained in the Cabra area along with the funding to support it.

CHO DNCC Social Inclusion approached Finglas Addiction Support Team (FAST) to operate a Cabra drug service, to which they agreed. LOFT staff have fully transferred from Cabra Resource Centre to FAST as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 and continued to offer a service in the Cabra area. The CEO of FAST, Amy Roche, made contact with the landlord of the building that LOFT was operating from (56 Dowth Avenue, Cabra, Dublin 7) and following negotiations, agreed to offer a six month lease to FAST. This lease was signed on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The owners of the building are still considering selling the building however there is an option of selling the building with the tenants in situ which would allow the service continue to be operated from this location.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Kirwan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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**Brian Kirwan**  
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