



**04<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Deputy Alan Kelly TD,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.**

Dear Deputy Kelly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

**PQ: 27633/23**

**To as the Minister for Health how many private nursing homes the HSE is in negotiations to purchase currently and where. – Alan Kelly**

The purchase of private nursing homes is extremely rare and dealt with on a case by case basis necessitating a business case with Value for Money principles and to ensure continuity of service provision as appropriate in a geographical location. In such instances the HSE operates in accordance with the HSE Property Protocol and completion of a due diligence process will include the assessment of all relevant aspects and considerations arising and on that basis there is no requirement to develop further guidelines.

At present, only one Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO 3) have reported they are in the process of a 'Due Diligence' review for a site in North Tipperary.

I trust this clarifies the position.

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**Patricia Whelehan,**

**Assistant National Director - Community Operations,  
Services for Older People.**