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Leinster House
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PQ 29714/23* To ask the Minister for Health what his plans are for a disused building that could be potentially made available for homeless/family/refugee housing (details supplied: St John's Hospital Enniscorthy); and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Paul Kehoe

Dear Deputy Kehoe,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

St John's Hospital, Enniscorthy is a protected structure and listed in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage and the Wexford County Council Record of Protected Structures.

This Hospital remains in use for a range of clinical and related support services. The following services are currently being provided on the campus: a paediatric occupational therapy unit, a substance misuse clinic, a podiatry clinic, administrative offices and the Enniscorthy Men's Shed facility. The area of the former church was converted to a permanent vaccination centre earlier this year. Some areas of the Hospital are currently vacant, and in this regard the HSE is considering the premises as part of an ongoing process of establishing requirements for the delivery of healthcare in the area.

The HSE has had some preliminary engagement with the local authority about the broader potential and possible use of St John's Hospital, Enniscorthy, and will continue to support and assist all relevant stakeholders in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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