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To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he will consider converting St. Patricks, Loughboy, Kilkenny for respite and other badly needed services for people with disabilities in Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Funchion,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

St. Patricks which is now known as Aurora has a disability residential premises in Loughboy, Kilkenny. At present HSE/Aurora have no immediate plans to convert this premises to a Respite Centre.

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

Yours sincerely,

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