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To ask the Minister for Health if the Sacred Heart Hospital, Roscommon can now return to the admission of new patients in view of the closure of the church in the facility which has been the reason for no intake of patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 29th September 2023 in relation to representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning if the Sacred Heart Hospital, Roscommon can now return to admission of new patients in view of the closure of the church in the facility which has been the reason for no intake of patients. The HSE have been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following outlines the current position.

I can confirm that Community Healthcare West Management have submitted the documents and assurances requested by HIQA, to ask for the conditions to be removed to allow residents to be admitted to the Sacred Heart Hospital in Roscommon. Further engagement is due to take place this week, the week beginning 2nd October, and we envisage that a decision will be taken shortly.

I trust this response addresses the issues you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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Gerard McCormack **General Manager Older Peoples Services Community Healthcare West**