



9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Mr. Pat Buckley, TD  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 18719/25**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the plans her Department has for the currently vacant HSE owned building at a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.”**

**Details supplied: “HSE dispensary, Ballynoe, Mallow, Co Cork. This building has been left derelict for the past 30 years. The gates are locked with no access to the site. The overgrown look to the building is an eyesore in the village and there are no obvious measures taken for what pest control is now required. The Ballynoe Community Council would love to take ownership of this building and turn it into a community hub.”**

Dear Deputy Buckley,

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

The HSE South West has confirmed that it has no future use for the former HSE Dispensary building in Ballynoe, Mallow, and the property has consequently been listed for disposal. The HSE's local Capital and Estates Office is currently working through the Land Development Agency (LDA) and the Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform processes for the disposal of properties which are surplus to requirements. As a matter of policy, no property is disposed of until there is absolute certainty that there is no alternative State use for that property. If, at the end of that process, no alternative State use has been identified for the property, it will be offered for sale on the open market.

Grounds maintenance is carried twice yearly with the latest visit was completed in April 2025. Pest control is under review.

Yours sincerely,

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