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Deputy Naoise Ó Muirí
Dail Eireann
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PQ 20027/25 ref: plans in place for the use of the pool areas of Aras Attracta, Swinford

Dear Deputy Ó Muirí,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 20027/25) which you submitted for a response. I have linked with our local HSE Estates Department, and the following outlines the current position.

The pool at Mayo Community Living, Swinford, was used as a therapy pool for residents of MCL (Aras Attracta). Because of its use as a therapy pool, the swimming pool water was heated to maintain an average temperature of 38 degrees Celsius. The pool and building was heated from the main boiler plant and district heating system. This system is no longer operational. The cost to heat the swimming pool water alone is c. €200K per year. This cost does not include operational costs such as insurance, any mechanical ventilation, mechanical heating required, or replacement of this plant, lighting and other electrical services necessary to maintain the operational day to day use of the pool. The pool, constructed in the 1980's is not compliant with current standards, Building Regulations or is Energy Efficient and would require significant financial investment and time to refurbish and bring into compliance with the current Standards, Building Regulations and Energy Efficiency. In addition there is no revenue or staffing (whole time equivalent, W.T.E) allocation to employ staff to operate the pool.

I trust this answers your queries, and please contact us if there is any further issues.

Yours sincerely,

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