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Deputy Michael Cahill, T.D.,
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“To ask the Minister for Health if, when the new Killarney community nursing unit is complete, she will examine the possible use of St. Columbanus Home as a possible respite centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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.

The new Killarney Community Nursing Unit will replace and enhance the current services provided at Killarney Community Hospitals (incorporating St Columbanus’s Home and the District Hospital/Rehab Unit). The delivery of this capital project is part of a (PPP) Public Private Partnership development.

In relation to the existing Killarney Community Hospitals site, the space requirements and needs of the services in the Kerry area are currently being reviewed by HSE Estates in conjunction with service management and Public Health. We await the outcome of this review and it will inform any decision on the future use of the remaining available space on the Killarney Community Hospital / St. Columbanus campus.

I trust this clarifies the position and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Daly
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