

Mr John McGuinness, TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street Dublin 2

5th June 2025

PQ 25926/25\*To ask the Minister for Health the status of a public consultation process relative to establishing a master plan for the development of community facilities on the land owned by the HSE at Lacken, Dublin Road, Kilkenny; the number of submissions made; if a draft report is available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -John McGuinness

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

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.

A preliminary public consultation in conjunction with Kilkenny County Council, relating to the establishment of a master plan for the development of community facilities on lands owned by the HSE at Lacken has been conducted. This public consultation was directed by Kilkenny County Council and details relating to any submissions returned should be directed to Kilkenny County Council.

A subsequent design review is being undertaken with Kilkenny County Council, in line with the objectives of the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan (2021-2027). This design review will take into account the requirements and proposals for best use as identified by the HSE and Kilkenny County Council. The HSE will ensure that all current and future service provisions for the campus are captured in this masterplan.

Yours sincerely

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