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Mr Alan Kelly, TD,
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PQ 53826/23* To ask the Minister for Health why Baggot Street hospital which is owned by the HSE and is left idle is not being used to house refugees. -Alan Kelly

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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. Due to the recent industrial action by management and administrative grade staff in Forsa union in the HSE, there were delays in the processing and answering of Parliamentary Questions. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

The property known as Royal City of Dublin Hospital, Baggot Street, Dublin 4 is in the ownership of the HSE. A portion of the site off Haddington Road has been identified as a suitable location for the future development of a Primary Care Centre to serve the South Dublin Inner City area.

Following a request from the Department of Health in early 2022 in response to a humanitarian crisis, the former Baggot Street Hospital was included on a list of HSE sites/properties identified as vacant which the Department of Health subsequently submitted onwards to Department of Housing, DCEDIY Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Department of the Taoiseach and in turn to Local Authorities and the Land Development Agency.



Following high-level studies by the interested parties, it was deemed not feasible to bring the building to standards required for accommodation or housing purposes due to the challenges of working with a protected structure, costs and time required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian O'Connell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian O'Connell
Interim National Director
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