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**PQ Number:** 54091/23

**PQ Question:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the detention facilities in the Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum, will be used for any other detention purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter

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Dear Deputy O'Callaghan

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE National Forensic Mental Health Service (NFMHS) relocated the Central Mental Hospital (CMH) from Dundrum to Portrane in November 2022. Following a period to decommission the site, the HSE vacated the premises on the 1 February 2023 and provided notice of this to the Office of Public Works (OPW).

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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