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PQ 55659/23* To ask the Minister for Health why an organisation (details supplied: Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland had a tentative deal to acquire these buildings from the HSE as a site for a wildlife hospital however they have now been informed that the entire site must be transferred as a whole to Fingal County Council) has not been able to advance plans to lease the old children's buildings No.'s 50 and 51 on the grounds of St. Ita's hospital despite willingness from the HSE to supply these buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

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.

HSE Capital & Estates can confirm that "no tentative deal" was agreed to acquire the buildings in question from the HSE. The HSE is currently engaging with relevant stakeholders, including Fingal County Council, regarding the future development and use of the St. Ita's Campus. These discussions are progressing and it is anticipated that the preparation of the future plans for the campus will progress in 2024.

Unfortunately, the HSE is not in a position to facilitate Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland (WRI) on St Ita's Hospital campus due to the requirement to not compromise future development of this campus.



My understanding is that Fingal County Council share this position. I also understand the council has proposed an alternative location for WRI at the Turvey Nature Reserve, and are liaising with them directly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian O'Connell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the name.

Brian O'Connell
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