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Ref: PQ 51563/23– Cherry Orchard Hospital

PQ Question:

To ask the Minister for Health if, with regard to the 'urgent evacuation'

To ask the Minister for Health if, with regard to the transfer of 68 very vulnerable elderly and frail residents from Cherry Orchard Hospital on foot of an 'urgent evacuation', he will clarify if he or his Department were aware that the HSE was made fully aware by HIQA of the issues surrounding the current 'urgent evacuation', at the end of June 2021, yet no works were commenced/undertaken in the intervening two-and-a-half years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

“Patricia Ryan”

Response:

Dear Deputy,

The decision to temporarily close the Willow and Sycamore Units in Cherry Orchard Hospital is to address the current safety risks associated with the flooring in these units and to enable permanent remedial works to be completed.

The HSE currently has a maintenance plan in place to mitigate against the current safety risks. This maintenance plan has been in place since the risk was identified. However, permanent remedial works are now required to address this safety risk.

All residents will be invited to return to Cherry Orchard once the renovation works have been completed.

Yours sincerely,

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