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PQ 2544/24\*To ask the Minister for Health whether the former Baggot Street Hospital could be used as a State owned nursing home for elderly people in the vicinity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jim O'Callaghan

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions 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.

Community Healthcare East continues to undertake a needs assessment to inform decision making regarding the remaining portion of buildings and site. This assessment will consider all service user needs in the area including those of older people.

Yours sincerely

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