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Deputy Robert Troy
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ 32895/24:

To ask the Minister for Health when the last time an audit was completed on the use of St. Loman's Hospital, Mullingar, to ascertain the parts of the building that are currently in use and the parts not in use.

- Robert Troy

Dear Deputy Troy

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. The following is the response from Midlands Mental Health Services:

We wish to advise that the old St. Loman's Hospital building in Mullingar closed to patients on 05th December 2013 (when services moved to the new Admissions Unit & St. Edna's Unit on the same campus), and closed to staff in 2019. The building was subsequently used for storage during the Covid-19 pandemic up until 2021.

Currently, the only part of the building in use is some office space housed in an extension to the back of the building. These services will relocate once renovations on other buildings on campus are completed. The laundry is also housed within a section of the main old building and is still operational. All other areas of the building remain vacant and unfit for use. Due to health and safety concerns around the condition of the building, including the presence of asbestos, access to the main building is no longer possible and the building is closed to staff and public.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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