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Deputy Robert Troy
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Re **PQ 32896/24**

To ask the Minister for Health the amount of space at St. Loman's Hospital not being utilised; and his intentions on the future use of this State owned asset.

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

We advise that, from our records, we estimate that the Old St. Loman's Psychiatric Hospital building covers an area of 2,600 m². Of this, the only parts that remain in use are an extension to the back of the building (approx. 300 m²) and a laundry (approx. 400-500 m²). Thus, we estimate that approximately 1,600 – 1,700m² of the building is not being utilised currently, due to its condition and the presence of asbestos.

Due to its age and condition, the old St Loman's hospital building is not deemed to be readily compatible for the provision of modern healthcare services and its future use is being considered. Furthermore, it would require significant capital funding to make the space fit for any future use.

Although no decisions have been made to date regarding the future use of St. Loman's Hospital, we further wish to advise that disposals of any property will be in line with the HSE's Property Protocol and the relevant State Circulars (Circular 11/15 Protocols for the Transfer and Sharing of State Property Assets and Circular 17/2016: Policy for Property Acquisition and for Disposal of Surplus Property.)



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Donnelly', is written over a horizontal line.

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