

30th May 2024

Mr. Brendan Griffin, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 22169/24

“To ask the Minister for Health what will happen with current HSE buildings in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details supplied: St. Columbanus Home and Killarney Community Hospital.

Dear Deputy Griffin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The St. Columbanus and Killarney Community Hospital buildings remain in use as residential facilities and are still home to a large number of residents. Once the new Community Nursing Unit, which is currently being delivered nearby through Public Private Partnership, is complete and ready for occupancy, the residents will transfer to the new facility.

HSE Cork Kerry Community Healthcare has commenced a review of its current and predicted accommodation needs in the Killarney area. This review will incorporate a population-based service planning approach and plan for the assessed demographic needs of the population over the next 10 – 20 years. The outcome of this review will significantly influence the future use of the St. Columbanus/Killarney Community Hospital campus.

Yours sincerely,



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