

Mr, Leo Varadkar, TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

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PQ 33852/24* To ask the Minister for Health the body that owns or controls the disused church on the grounds of a location (details supplied: St. Mary's Hospital in the Phoenix Park); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Leo Varadkar

Dear Deputy Varadkar,

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

There are two church buildings on the grounds of St. Mary's Hospital in the Phoenix Park. HSE are responsible for the maintenance and management of both premises which form part of a long lease for the lands and buildings.

The smaller Church of Ireland building is currently not in use, however recent works have been carried out to remove asbestos containing materials and internal substandard partitions. No future use of the premises has been identified however this is currently being reviewed as part of an overall campus development plan which is underway.

The larger Catholic Church building is currently not in use however HSE are currently liaising with Office of Public Works regarding the implementation of the conservation works recently granted permission under planning application ref. 3781/24. No future use of the premises has been identified however this is currently being reviewed as part of an overall campus development plan which is underway.

Yours sincerely

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