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PQ 9304/23 - *“To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the reopening of Keltoi; and if he will make a statement on the matter”* - **Mark Ward TD**

Dear Deputy Ward,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

At present, HSE Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) continue to use Keltoi as an isolation unit for vulnerable populations.

An agreement has been made between Keltoi staff and HSE to re-open the facility in 2024 as a dual diagnosis centre, in line with recommendations contained in *Sharing the Vision*, the National Mental Health Policy for Ireland, a copy of which accompanies this letter.

Work is ongoing to upgrade the building and there is a plan to provide en-suite facilities in each of the bedrooms, which is scheduled to commence in Q1 2024. These essential works are required to meet the health and safety standards for residential treatment facilities.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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