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Ms. Róisín Shortall, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re/ Parliamentary Question 27392/10 & 13874/10 "To ask the Minister for Health and Children if it is her intention to install a methadone dispensing clinic at a location (details supplied) in Dublin 15; if a licence has been provided for same; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that this premises is located directly beside a facility for adults with special needs; and if her further attention has been drawn to the concerns expressed by the families of those using this service" *Details Supplied: Coolmine Industrial Estate, Dublin 15; Tofa, Celtic Handcrafts.*

Dear Deputy Shortall,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question and the following is the response.

The premises at 37 Coolmine Industrial Estate is being considered as a site for a "one stop shop" for Addiction Services in the Dublin 15 area where services have been delivered from a number of sites and a Mobile Clinic is used to dispense methadone in a very fragmented manner. The premises has planning permission under Schedule 2 Part 4 Class 8.

However, the future use of the building as a health centre or clinic for the purposes of any medical or health services requires approval of planning permissions for change of use. This is being progressed to An Bord Pleanála.

The Daughters of Charity run a sheltered workshop adjacent to the above building with a separate entrance into the building which would not impact on the service being delivered there.

Coolmine Industrial Estate currently accommodates two Community Drug Teams and the site of the proposed clinic was used by the Probation Service in providing services to ex-offenders in the Blanchardstown area. The clients who attended the Bond Project (Blanchardstown Offenders - New Directions) and the client group attending the CDT's also access these services and to date there have been no issues with the clients and the adults with special needs attending the Daughters of Charity facility.

The Management of the Health Service Executive Addiction Service and Senior Members of the Clinical Team together with the Chairperson of the Blanchardstown Local Drugs Task Force met with concerned parents and sought to allay their fears in relation to the client group and outlined the smooth running of similar facilities adjacent to schools in the Wellmount area of Finglas."

I trust the above clarifies the position for you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Gaskin', written in a cursive style.

**David Gaskin,
Lead Local Health Manager on
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