

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2003,
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Question

Would the President inform members whether there exists an overall plan in respect of all properties owned and/or managed by the Health and Social Services Department, and, if so, would he indicate, in approximate percentage terms, the under-utilisation that exists within the property portfolio and what major initiatives are in place to deal with the issue of under-utilisation?

Answer

The Health and Social Services Committee has a Strategic Development Plan for its major hospital sites which was produced in May 1999. The Plan highlights development needs over short term (1999 – 2004), medium term (2004 – 2009) and long term (2010 – 2020) periods.

Along with that strategy, a long term Capital Programme was developed in July 2002 covering the period 2006 to 2012. At that time an average annual capital development investment of £14.46 million was predicted.

Due to the existing pressures on capital development budgeting and the ever changing development in health services and technology, the Strategic Development Plan is being constantly reviewed and planned capital projects prioritised. Over the last ten years (1994 – 2003) the Committee has only been successful in achieving an average annual capital budget allocation of £4.15 million.

The Health and Social Services Committee administer property covering an area of 99,707 square meters or 1,073,342 square feet in 155 properties. The percentage of this property underutilised is 1.8%.

Present under-utilisation is: -

<u>Accommodation</u>	-		AREA
Sous L'Eglise	-	Disposal/re-investment.	290 m ²
3 The Denes	-	Refurbishment required.	100 m ²
 <u>Accommodation /office</u>			
Catherine Quirke House	-	Awaiting demolition.	500 m ²
 <u>Hospital accommodation</u>			
St. Saviour's Hospital - Queens House	-	All areas being used but numbers of patients on two wards have declined over the last 10 years as group homes have come on line.	900 m ²