

Request Title: Sale of Louth County Hospital Accommodation Block

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FOI Request:

1. Can you please describe the entire section of property that is to be sold? I understand that, due to access, it would include the former Hospital club house, the adjacent car park, the adjoining land situate between the rear of the club building, and the accommodation block and the accommodation block itself.

2. Is the sale conditional on the demolition of the former club house, the tree situated to the west/front of the building, or would removal be an issue for the buyer?

3. The tenure of the lot on sale?

4. Is the current access from High Holme Road included?

5. Is the property currently for sale, if so, who is the selling agent?

6. Is the tenure of the club building issue free (as this was paid for by public subscription)?

7. How much did NHS Property Services pay for the club house, when and from whom did they purchase it?

8. Although deemed "surplus to requirements" in 2019, can you please confirm when the Accommodation Block was last inhabited?

9. Under an FOI in 2019, it was disclosed that the lessees paid £43,500 pa for the Accommodation block. Is this still being paid, and by whom?

10. Are any other buildings/land being considered/prepared for sale on the Louth site and if so, can you please provide a list?

Our Response:

Having completed enquiries within NHSPS in respect of Section 1(1)(a), NHSPS does hold information relating to your request. Under Section 1(1)(b) the below and attached has been provided in relation to your request.

1. Please see the plan attached which shows the proposed disposal site outlined in red which is to include High Holme Court, the former social club and the car park between the social club and High Holme Road.
2. Whilst the sale will not be subject to demolition it is expected that a future purchaser may look to develop/refurbish the buildings on the site. The tree adjacent to the social club falls within Louth Conservation Area, therefore, will be subject to the protections offered by the conservation area.
3. The tenure of the lot on sale is Freehold.
4. Yes, current access from High Holme Road is included.
5. The site is currently not on the market, an agent is still to be appointed.
6. NHS Property Services Ltd (NHSPS) are not aware of any issues relating to the freehold of the social club.
7. NHSPS does not hold this information as the social club was built prior to the transfer of its ownership to NHSPS in April 2013.
8. The accommodation block was last inhabited in 2016/17.
9. There is currently no rent charged on High Holme Court.
10. NHSPS together with the CCG and ICS are continually reviewing the strategy for the site for commissioning needs, but no future disposals are currently proposed