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<u>PQ 27233/19</u> "To ask the Minister for Health the range of payment plans made available by hospitals for patients to pay inpatient charges or emergency department charges in instalments".

Dear Deputy O'Reilly.

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.

I wish to advise you that responsibility for the management of the collection of charges rests with each individual hospital. I am advised that there is no single national process with respect to facilitating the payment of such charges by instalment although it is possible that locally arrangements to facilitate this may be in place.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Ivory

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