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Mr David Cullinane TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ 19298 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of families of deceased persons informed since 2004 to date that the bodies of their loved ones were left to decompose on trolleys at University Hospital Waterford due to poor conditions at the mortuary; the way in which they were informed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane

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.

University Hospital Waterford can confirm that it is not in possession of any records regarding informing families of deceased persons that the bodies of their loved ones were left to decompose on trolleys due to poor conditions at the Mortuary.

Since the recent media controversy, University Hospital Waterford can confirm that there has been contact from and discussion with two families in relation to concerns regarding the Mortuary.

University Hospital Waterford is not in a position to comment on individual cases.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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