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Deputy Imelda Munster
Dáil Eireann,
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RE PQ 20529/19: To ask the Minister for Health when the last unannounced inspection carried out by HIQA at St. Mary's Hospital Nursing Home, Drogheda took place; the staff patient ratio at the hospital; the mechanisms in place to ensure the implementation of each individual patient care plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Munster

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 outline the position as follows.

The last unannounced monitoring inspection by the Health Information and Quality Authority took place in Saint Mary's Hospital on 16th of August 2016. The last Registration inspection took place in Saint Mary's Hospital over two days on the 16th and 17th of January 2018. Both inspection reports can be accessed at <https://www.hiqa.ie/system/files?file=inspectionreports/0538-St-Mary%27s-Hospital-16.08.2016.pdf>.

The staff patient ratio at the hospital;

The staff resident ratio for St. Mary's excluding catering and household staff is 1 staff member to 3 residents comprised of 55% Health Care Assistants and 45% Nursing. In addition there is 1.4 WTE HCA staff allocated specifically to recreational, occupational and activities duties for residents.

The mechanisms in place to ensure the implementation of each individual patient care plan;

S.I. No. 415/2013 - Health Act 2007 (Care and Welfare of Residents in Designated Centres for Older People) Regulations 2013 outline the regulatory requirements of service providers in relation to assessment and care planning and on-going monitoring and evaluation of all residents. Prior to admission each prospective resident has an assessment by the multi-disciplinary team of their physical, psychological and social needs and abilities as part of the Nursing Home Support Scheme (Fair Deal). If a decision is determined that an individual requires extended care in St. Mary's, a pre admission assessment is completed to ensure that St. Mary's can meet the needs of any particular prospective resident. On admission a comprehensive assessment is completed and a resident care plan is drawn up in conjunction with the resident and or with their families.

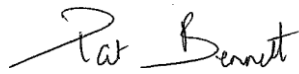
On a three monthly basis or more often if required a complete evaluation of a resident's care plan is completed, and any assessed changes required are updated and changed if required depending on each individual residents medical psychological or social needs and abilities. On a daily and on-going basis a resident's care plan may require

evaluation by the multi-disciplinary team, including the Person in Charge, Director of Nursing and Clinical Nurse Managers.

All resident assessments and care plans and care plan evaluations are stored electronically and are available to residents and for inspection by the Health Information and Quality Authority.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Bennett".

Pat Bennett
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