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Mr. Peter Burke TD
Blackhall Place,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 22972/19

To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the outcome of a review in relation to admissions policy for a psychiatric hospital (details supplied); if the review has yet commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Peter Burke

Details - St. Loman's Hospital Mullingar

Dear Deputy Burke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to provide a follow up response to the response previously returned to you regarding the admissions policy at St Loman's Hospital. The HSE have examined the matter presented to us above and the following outlines the situation.

There is no current policy that precludes the admission of patients on methadone.

An admission policy to allow patients with mental disorder to continue their methadone as inpatients in St Loman's Hospital is under development in consultation with the relevant stakeholders and clinical experts. It is anticipated that the development of the policy will be complete by the end of quarter 2 (June 30th 2019). Upon completion of the development of the policy an implementation plan will be agreed to support the implementation of the policy within our relevant services.

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,

Pat Bennett
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