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Re: PQ 40318/20 – Outpatient services, Regional Hospital Mullingar

“To ask the Minister for Health his plans for moving the outpatient services at Mullingar Midland Regional Hospital to a private facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

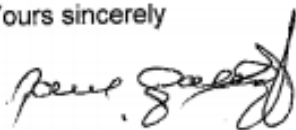
I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking information regarding the moving of the outpatient services at Regional Hospital Mullingar to a private facility, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that as we enter the winter period, Regional Hospital Mullingar are trying to spatially prepare the hospital in order to ensure that there is correct separation of covid from non-covid patients. The current paediatric ED department does not meet correct criteria in terms of separating these services and so Regional Hospital Mullingar are considering relocation of paediatric repertory ED service to the current outpatient department. Should that happen; the outpatient department service will have to be temporarily relocated.

Regional Hospital Mullingar are currently exploring all options for Paediatric repertory ED and once a decision is made all staff involved will be consulted and all patients advised. The logistics around any such move will be fully considered In terms of patient care.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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