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Re: PQ 3580/20 – Key worker programme, St Luke's Hospital

“To ask the Minister for Health the status of the key worker programme designed to assist the transition of stroke patients in Kilkenny University Hospital back to their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

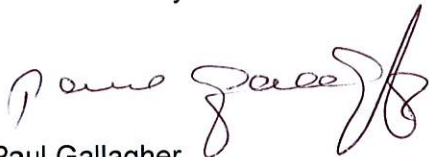
I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the key worker programme in St Luke's Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that in addition to the 5 bedded inpatient Acute Stroke Unit at St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny, the stroke service has a Clinical Nurse Specialist, who follows each stroke patients journey, from the time of admission to discharge.

This is also includes a follow up service, generally 6 weeks after discharge, where the patient has a multidisciplinary appointment with the Consultant and the Clinical Nurse Specialist to review progress and provide preventative education.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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