

26th November 2020

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Re: PQ 38178/20 – Outpatients services, Regional Hospital, Mullingar

“To ask the Minister for Health if there is a proposal agreed or being examined to move outpatients services from the Regional Hospital, Mullingar to a private hospital in Mullingar, County Westmeath.”

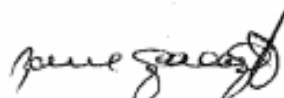
Dear Deputy Clarke,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking information regarding the outpatient's services in the Regional Hospital Mullingar, 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. Currently, the paediatric ED department does not meet correct criteria in terms of social distancing and so Regional Hospital Mullingar are considering relocation of the paediatric respiratory ED service to the current outpatient department. Should that happen; the outpatient department service will have to be temporarily relocated to St Francis Private Hospital, Ballinderry.

Regional Hospital Mullingar are currently exploring all options for Paediatric the respiratory 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 etc.

Yours sincerely



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