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To ask the Minister for Health his views on easing visiting restrictions in hospitals for patients with dementia; if the guidance will be reviewed to allow at least one family member to visit those patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

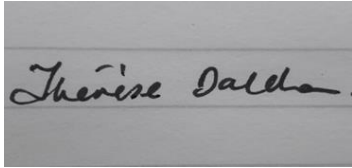
Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The HSE appreciate the need for patients with dementia to have contact with family and friends whilst in hospital and the impact that having visitors can have to patients' health and wellbeing. Therefore in line with public health advice and information, HSE guidance pertaining to visiting in Acute Hospitals is regularly updated. The most recent version was updated on 30th April 2021 and facilitates appropriate visitation to hospital inpatients. Detailed guidance including information on visiting guidelines in situations where there is a current outbreak of COVID-19 in the acute hospital facility are available at the link below:

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/infectionpreventionandcontrolguidance/visitorsvisiting/Guidance%20on%20visitations%20to%20Acute%20Hospitals.pdf>

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,



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