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To ask the Minister for Health if a primary carer or family member will be allowed in hospitals to take care of persons with dementia in addition to nurses and hospital carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

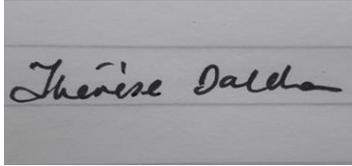
The HSE appreciate the need for patients with dementia to have contact with family and friends whilst in hospital and the impact that having visitors can have to patients' health and wellbeing. Therefore in line with public health advice and information, HSE guidance pertaining to visiting in Acute Hospitals is regularly updated. The most recent version was updated on 23 June 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%20visits%20to%20Acute%20Hospitals.pdf>

Whilst visiting relatives, carers or family members wishing to be involved in care delivery, should consult with relevant clinical staff on the hospital unit as appropriate.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature reads "Therese Dalchan".

Therese Dalchan

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