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Mr Martin Browne TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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Re: PQ 56136/21

To ask the Minister for Health the measures he has taken to ensure private changing areas are available to those waiting on hospital trolleys at University Hospital Limerick in view of report that persons have been unable to get the privacy they need while waiting in corridors. -Martin Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

University Hospital Limerick strives to ensure patient comfort, safety, privacy and dignity at all times. To ensure privacy in the Emergency Department at University Hospital Limerick, a number of facilities are in place including dedicated turns and change areas in Zones A, B and C. In addition, Zone A has a dedicated assessment cubicle which is used for turns and changes when there are high volumes of patients within the Zone.

The designated turns and change areas are available to patients who have requested a private area to change in and patients who require assistance when changing and turning.

As you will be aware, we have been experiencing record-breaking activity levels at our Emergency Department in recent weeks which results in high numbers of patients in all Zones within the Emergency Department. Every effort is made to ensure that patients are treated in a dignified and respectful way.

I trust this clarifies the position. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer
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