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Deputy Pa Daly Dáil Eireann Dublin 2

RE: To ask the Minister for Health the action he will take regarding parents being able to visit their child together in children's hospitals, particularly when the parents must travel to Dublin from places like County Kerry and one parent is currently forced to sit outside the hospital due to Covid 19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Daly

I refer to your recent PQ which has been forwarded to me for attention.

The current policy in Children's Health Ireland in Temple Street with regard to visiting is that one parent or guardian can be present in the hospital at a time. Parents can alternate at any given time.

This is required due to limitations of space and high numbers of COVID activity in the community.

Yours sincerely

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