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Deputy Pa Daly
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

RE: To ask the Minister for Health the action he will take regarding parents who are faced with hearing a difficult diagnosis while their child is an inpatient in hospital but cannot currently meet with their child's consultant together due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Daly

The current policy in Children's Health Ireland (CHI) in Temple Street on 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.

CHI at Temple Street will allow the visiting of both parents on compassionate grounds e.g. where a difficult conversation needs to take place with parents or where a child is critically unwell.

Yours sincerely

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