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*** To ask the Minister for Health if discussions are expected to review the visiting rights in UHL for dementia patients and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Richard O'Donoghue**

Dear Deputy O'Donoghue,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Visiting on inpatient wards in University Hospital Limerick (UHL) was reinstated on Wednesday April 13th 2022.

Scheduled visiting slots are limited to one visitor per patient, in line with national guidance on infection prevention and must be booked through our online booking system on <https://ulhgvisitor.com/>

The following information is required when booking a visit:

- Full name of the inpatient, or woman accessing maternity services
- Date of birth of the inpatient, or woman accessing maternity services
- Full name and contact details of the person booking access
- Complete a brief COVID-19 questionnaire form

Visiting hours at UHL are from 2pm to 4pm and 6pm to 9pm every day. Visitors are required to wear a face mask, which are available at the hospital entrance, and observe hand hygiene.

Anyone who is feeling unwell is asked not to visit the hospital. Visiting restrictions remain in place for the Emergency Department, Acute Surgical Assessment Unit, and Acute Medical Assessment Unit.

The only exceptions to those restrictions are:

- Parents visiting children in hospital
- People assisting confused patients; for example, dementia
- Visiting on compassionate grounds; for example, for patients who are critically unwell or at end of life

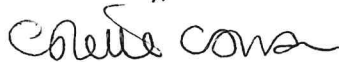
Exemptions are limited to one person per patient and will be looked at on a case by case basis.

In cases where exemptions apply, we strongly recommend that members of the public are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before coming to the hospital, to minimise risks to you, our patients and staff.



I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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