



24th January 2022

Mr Paul Murphy
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

RE: PQ ref 1345/22

Dear Deputy Murphy,

I write in response to the above PQ in relation to access to food/catering in Tallaght University Hospital.

Please be advised, that the Hospital have revised the dining options that were available for our staff, and as a result we have made some changes, as per below:

- 1) The Operator of the Coffee shop have agreed to extend their working hours until 20.00hrs from 17th January 2022 with a more extensive food offering.
- 2) A Healthy options vending machine including breakfast and dinners that can be heated has been available for the last year in the vending machine outside the Doctors Residence, but unfortunately the Christmas period saw an unprecedented demand and the supplier has agreed to monitor and increase supply moving forward. We have also looked at increasing the number of these vending machines and have sourced two further possible locations for same.
- 3) The canteen will open later until 18.00hrs for staff to use the microwave and avail of seating at the coffee dock.

I believe the above would be an improvement in regards of the food options available for our staff, however should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

MR JOHN KELLY
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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