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**Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
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To ask the Minister for Health the use of speciality wards in hospitals; if they are being used to increase patient flow and take pressure away from emergency departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

I wish to advise that when emergency departments are challenged, all available capacity is considered to ensure patient flow is maximized, including appropriate specialty wards.

Yours sincerely,

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