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Re: PQ 29671/22– Visiting, NOHC

“To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the visiting hours for long-stay patients in a hospital (details supplied); his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

*** Details Supplied: Long stay patients in the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh are only permitted to have one visitor per week which is having a negative impact on the mental health and morale of vulnerable long-stay patients”**

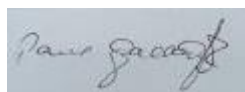
Dear Deputy Higgins,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the visiting hours for long-stay patients in the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC), which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that as of 1st June 2022 visiting has recommenced at the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC) at the bedside in the rehabilitation unit with 1 visit per patient daily between 18.00 - 19.00 hours.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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