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To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to end mixed-gender wards across public hospitals in each CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mary Lou McDonald

Dear Deputy McDonald,

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 have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Access to hospital beds is a multifaceted issue and accommodation challenges, where they exist, are balanced to ensure timely access for patients to appropriate services. The HSE is currently progressing work through the National Quality & Patient Safety Directorate to inform guidelines on the operational practice of mixed accommodation.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction

Yours sincerely,

Ms Margaret Brennan
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