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Re: PQ 21901/22- Parking, MMUH Hospital

"To ask the Minister for Health the total amount charged for parking at the Mater Misericordie Hospital in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021; the total revenue generated by parking charges; the net revenue generated for the hospital by parking charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Deputy Cullinane,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an statement on parking in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital (MMUH), which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that that MMUH Hospital doesn't take any income from the Car Park. The Car park is controlled by a third party (Eccles Street Car Park Limited).

The Mater does, however, have several other initiatives to support patients and their families who use our services. MMUH are part of the Irish Cancer Society's "Care to Drive" scheme, where cancer patients can avail of free transport to and from their treatment. MMUH offer four parking spaces free of charge for relatives of patients nearing end of life, in order to ease the burden for families at a very difficult time in their lives.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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