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**16<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Deputy Brendan Griffin TD,  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare St, Dublin 2**

**PQ Number: 54323/22**

**Dear Deputy Griffin,**

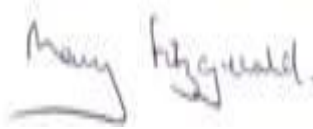
The Health Service Executive (HSE) – South (Cork & Kerry) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this office for response.

**PQ Question:** To ask the Minister for Health if it is considered best practice for the next-of-kin of recently deceased patients at University Hospital Kerry to be brought in to see their loved one in a room occupied by five other patients; if this practice will be discontinued for the sake of all involved, with privacy being provided to those recently bereaved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Brendan Griffin.

UHK staff and management are very cognisant of the need for sensitivity and compassion required when families lose a loved one and every effort is made to try to make this distressing time easier. There are occasions unfortunately when it is not possible to provide single rooms due to the clinical requirements of patients. Staff are very aware of the need for privacy at this time and make every to accommodate same as much as is reasonably possible.

I trust this response is to your satisfaction; should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Yours sincerely,**



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**Mary Fitzgerald  
Interim General Manager  
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