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Mr David Cullinane TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 50642 - To ask the Minister for Health if the review into mortuary services at University Hospital Waterford is complete; if so, when will it be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter

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 have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

To the best of my knowledge, the above mentioned review was not completed.


However, I am pleased to advise that the Mortuary Service located at University Hospital Waterford is a new purpose built facility which opened in July 2021. The facility ensures dignity for the deceased and provides an enhanced environment for the bereaved. For the deceased and bereaved families, the facilities comprise of a spacious multi-faith prayer room, two private viewing rooms and walled courtyard. It also includes a secure and discreet entrance and exit for undertakers and ambulances as well as enhanced staff facilities including changing rooms and offices.

Our Mortuary Service offers a regional service providing a professional post-mortem (PM) function for 7 Coroners across the South East. It also provides hospital post mortems for the Acute Hospital Services in the region including UHW.

Our new facility is of a fitting standard and operates with increased capacity.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,


Grace Rothwell
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