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Deputy Mark Ward  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ 43844/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on on-site clinical accommodation for perinatal mental health services in the maternity hospitals in Cork, Limerick and Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward**

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

In relation to Cork University Hospital, I am advised by the South/South West Hospital Group that the Perinatal Mental Health services (PMH) in Cork University Maternity Hospital (CUMH) are provided with clinical space in the outpatients department and hot desk areas on the wards. The service is also provided with office space for the team. Due to the high activity levels across all services and the demand for additional clinical space in the hospital, some capital works are currently being undertaken to reconfigure available space on the ward areas. This multidisciplinary space will help alleviate the demand across the hospital and will be available to the PMH service.

In relation to Limerick University Hospital, I am advised by the University of Limerick Hospital Group that Perinatal mental health services are operated from Monday – Friday in the antenatal clinic at University Maternity Hospital Limerick (UMHL). There is also offsite accommodation located within close proximity to UMHL at Georges Quay, Limerick to support the growth of perinatal mental health services for women, partners and families in the Mid-West.

In relation to Galway University Hospital, I am advised by the Saolta University Health Care Group that the Perinatal Mental Health team on the GUH site have access to clinical rooms, meeting rooms and have facilities for video conferencing as needed. Improving access to clinical and office accommodation for this service remain a challenge.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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