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Deputy Matt Carty,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: PQ 1858/23: To ask the Minister for Health the in-patient services and inpatient surgical services that are available at Roscommon Hospital; the number of days that a patient can remain at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Carty

The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above Parliamentary Question / Public Representation that you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. The following outlines the position.

Roscommon University Hospital is a Model 2 Hospital in the Saolta University Health Care Group. The hospital has 58 inpatient beds which are predominantly used for treatment of medical patients under the care of Geriatric and General Medical Consultants. Inpatient care is also provided by a range of Health and Social Care Professionals. Medical services are also supported by a range of Clinical Nurse Specialists and Advanced Nurse Practitioners, with specialisms in Respiratory, Neurology, Stroke, Diabetes, Care of the Older Person, Palliative Care and Haemovigilance. An 8 bed inpatient palliative care support service which is under the operational management and governance of the hospital is due to commence on 13th February 2023.

Roscommon University Hospital also provides predominantly day case surgery five days per week for a range of specialties including General Surgery, Urology, Plastic and Reconstructive, Maxillofacial, Dental, Ophthalmology and Vascular Surgery. However inpatient surgery is also regularly facilitated from with the availability of overnight on call cover by a Consultant General Surgeon from Monday to Thursday.

There is no limit on the number of days that a patient can remain at the hospital. All medical patients will continue to receive inpatient care for as long as is medically required. Surgical inpatients would normally only require one to two nights of inpatient care and would normally be discharged before the weekend.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary Garvey'.

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