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“To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline in what way the removal of the locked status of unit 3, St. Stephen's Hospital, as reported by the Mental Health Commission in November 2022, can compensate alone for the broader loss of other quality-of-life benefits incurred by a resident who was moved to that ward in July 2022 from another approved centre in breach of a condition of its registration; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

The HSE cannot for the purpose of protecting the identities and circumstances of residents, discuss matters pertaining to resident's transfers to centres.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

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