



7th September 2023.

Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett TD.,
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Re: PQ 3817523: To ask the Minister for Health whether there should be a 24-hour pharmacy at St. Vincent's Hospital accident and emergency department in order that patient's leaving late at night can access the medicine they have been prescribed immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

I refer to the above parliamentary question which was sent to me for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that there is access to medication 24/7 in the St. Vincent's University Hospital Emergency Department. Such medication is administered to patients in the department by hospital staff. Evening doses of medication charted in the Emergency Department are administered to patients before discharge and patients leaving at night may receive a prescription for subsequent doses (e.g. morning) to be dispensed in primary care through their community pharmacy.

I trust this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

Cahal Flynn,
Director of Operations.

