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To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the current policy of step down/convalescent patients being transferred from a hospital (details supplied):- Pádraig Mac Lochlainn

Letterkenny University Hospital to the Finn View Ward at St. Jospeh's Hospital, Stranorlar, Co Donegal

Dear Deputy,

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.

When a patient is identified by the members of the Multidisciplinary Team as requiring a step down facility, a request for services is completed by staff on the wards identifying if the patient requires convalescence, rehabilitation or palliative assessment.

When the patient is medically fit for discharge the wards contact the Discharge Liaison Nurse who facilitates the transfer when a bed is available in that facility.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



Seán Murphy
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