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“To ask the Minister for Health the steps taken by Drogheda Department of Psychiatry to ensure that all staff have received appropriate seclusion training; and the measures put in place by Drogheda Department of Psychiatry to address the areas of non –compliance identified in regulation 69 of the MHC inspection report published on 16th June 2025.”

Dear Deputy Byrne,

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 outlined the position as follows.

Drogheda Department of Psychiatry (DDOP) prioritises the safety and well-being of its residents. DDOP takes a proactive approach to address identified deficits, and continuously strives to enhance the quality of the service. Ongoing training sessions are conducted on the rules governing the use of seclusion, with attendance carefully tracked via attendance logs issued to line managers. As per the corrective preventative action plan, which is included in the annual inspection report, the issues relating to the call bell and clock have been rectified.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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