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“To ask the Minister for Health the steps taken by Drogheda Department of Psychiatry to address the areas of non-compliance regarding the use of seclusion codes of practice as identified within the MHC inspection report published on 16 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. All measures outlined in the MHC inspection report published on 16 June 2025 corrective and preventative actions (CAPAs) relating to seclusion are being implemented.

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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