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Mr. Peadar Tóibín, T.D. Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 35046/25 "To ask the Minister for Health if she was aware of a pilot scheme in operation in Navan Hospital currently running that has reduced the visiting hours for families (details supplied); the reasoning for such a measure; and if she will consider that many relatives are elderly and would consider this time late to travel to the town. DETAILS: There is now a system in place whereby family members can only visit the wards from 6 - 7.30."

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

HSE Dublin and North East 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

I confirm that Our Lady's Hospital, Navan, are running a pilot scheme on one ward in the Hospital, whereby there are no daytime visiting.

The rationale behind this pilot scheme is that patients can receive their treatment, tests, therapies and meals uninterrupted.

This arrangement is under constant review and to date feedback from patients, visitors and staff are positive.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,