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Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

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PQ 44775/121 RE: If there is a system in place to redistribute food waste; if food produce or products in any of the hospitals is donated in order to avoid waste

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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 been advised by the National Health Sustainability Office that there is no formal system in place to redistribute food waste; food produce or products from hospitals, donated in order to avoid waste. Food donation from an Acute or Community Health hospital is possible but needs careful consideration by the Catering Manager. Strict cooked food temperature controls exist, which must be adhered to at all times. However non-cooked foods (e.g. bread, fruit, and sandwiches) and surplus prepared food (untouched) could be donated to a local charity or non-profit social enterprise.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Ivory

General Manager,

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