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Deputy Paul Murphy  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ ref 52921/23** – *To ask the Minister for Health whether it is accurate that a new HSE directive has said that no patients currently in St. James's hospital are allowed to be referred to a HSE nursing home; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Murphy,

St James's Hospital is still referring patients to HSE community nursing units and patients continue to be transferred pending bed availability.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Aisling Collins  
Interim Chief Operations Officer