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To ask the Minister for Health the facilities that are available in the University of Limerick for both patients and staff to breastfeed; if there are facilities on site to allow for patients who happen to be breastfeeding a child at home to feed that child in the hospital environment and or express milk in a private setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Crowe,

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.

University Hospital Limerick (UHL) supports staff and patients in their breastfeeding efforts in line with the HSE breastfeeding policy.

There is a facility available at UHL for both patients and staff to express milk in a private setting. There are also facilities on site to allow patients who are breastfeeding a child at home to feed their child in the hospital environment.

The HSE breastfeeding policy can be accessed at the following link:

<https://healthservice.hse.ie/staff/leave/breastfeeding-breaks/>

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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