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**Re: PQ 12219/24 - To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the patient discharge policy operating in St. Vincent's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan

I refer to the above parliamentary question which was sent to me for direct response.

Please be advised that St. Vincent's University Hospital has an Integrated Discharge Policy in place. The purpose of this policy is to set out the process requirements and staff responsibilities to support well-organised, safe and timely discharge for all patients. It aims to fully involve patients and their carers/relatives in the discharge process and ensure that patients receive appropriate assessments, planning and information about their discharge and after care.

I trust this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Operations.

