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PQ 24526/24* To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that new facilities (details supplied: the need to provide disabled changing areas in hospitals and other major health centres. advocates for persons with a disability state clearly that the lack of such facilities causes difficulties for persons with disabilities and their families and they cite the disabled changing room in Blanchardstown Shopping Centre as one that should be replicated in health care settings.) will be provided in all hospitals and in other major health care centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Brendan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

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.

The requirement to provide Changing Places Toilets is outlined in Technical Guidance Document M 2022 of the Building Regulations, which in general relates to the construction of new buildings, extensions and material alterations to buildings.

In new healthcare facilities, when sanitary facilities are being provided for use by people other than staff, a Changing Places Toilet is required to be provided that is accessible to the public.



The HSE contributed in the introduction of the Part M (Amendment) 2022 and supports the inclusion of changing place toilets to make healthcare facilities accessible and easy to use for the broadest range of users.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian O'Connell".

Brian O'Connell
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