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Mr. Matt Carthy T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 35063/24 *“To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure the expansion of in-patient visiting hours at Cavan hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Carthy”*

Dear Deputy Carthy,

The RCSI Hospital Group 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

The current visiting hours at Cavan General Hospital are as follows;

General Wards:

6.30 PM to 8.30 PM (Monday to Sunday)

2.00 PM to 4.00 PM (Saturdays, Sundays, and Bank Holidays).

Maternity Wards:

Open visiting policy for partners, with designated visiting hours for siblings from 3.00 PM to 5.00 PM, and for family members from 6.00 PM to 8.00 PM.

Paediatrics:

Visiting is limited to parents only.

Visiting hours may be extended at the discretion of the ward manager on compassionate grounds.

Visiting restrictions may be enacted as an infection prevention and control measure to protect both patients and staff, as well as to safeguard the general public.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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