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John Brady TD
Dáil Éireann
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Dear Deputy Brady,

Re: PQ 1448/25

Question: To ask the Minister for Health the current policy in relation to mixed-sex wards in Irish hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter

I refer you to the above representation you submitted in relation to mixed-sex wards in Irish hospitals.

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE have commenced the drafting of terms of reference and establishing a group to look at developing national guidance on mixed accommodation in hospitals. This group will examine best practice in other jurisdictions and local policies that have been developed and alignment with other policy responses. This work will be undertaken in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Social Worker and will recommence in early 2025.

If you require any further information or clarification please do contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Caoimhe Gleeson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Caoimhe Gleeson
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