

Question for written answer E-004039/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Charter of the Rights of Children in Hospital

The Charter of the Rights of Children in Hospital was established in 1988. It guarantees, among other things, that a hospitalised child's parents or other accompanying person can be present and be actively involved for the duration of the child's hospitalisation. Unfortunately, not all Member States are abiding by the Charter, and parents are often only able to stay with their child in hospital if the hospital has the capacity and its management gives its authorisation. The presence of a parent or another relative should be understood as a part of the healing process that has an indisputably positive effect on the mental and physical of the child, and the presence of a parent should not be considered as just a visit.

In this context, I would like to ask the Commission the following questions:

Does the Commission intend to adopt initiatives in the near future to raise awareness in the Member States of the Charter, or other initiatives to support the implementation of a child's right to have a parent present during their hospitalisation?

Does the Commission plan to issue non-binding guidelines or binding legislation concerning the inclusion of the Charter of the Rights of Children in Hospital in European law?

Does the Commission plan to include spaces for accompanying persons (suitable spaces for the sleeping and hygiene needs of the accompanying person within the child's hospital room) as an ex-ante condition for obtaining funding for the construction or reconstruction of hospitals and healthcare facilities from European funds?