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## HSE investigation into woman's death

■ Paul Healy

The HSE is conducting an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of a Four Roads woman which occurred six days after the woman fell down a stairs at Roscommon County Hospital.

Anne Macklin (52), of Four Roads, Co. Roscommon, suffered injuries as a result of the fall. She died six days after the accident.

Anne Macklin, who had multiple sclerosis, was admitted as a patient to Roscommon County Hospital on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. It is understood that she had suffered a slight stroke. Two days later her family were told that Anne had fallen down the stairs in her wheelchair in the hospital.

A family member told



The late Anne Macklin, RIP.

RTE News that Anne had sustained injuries in the fall and that she subsequently developed pneumonia and died at the hospital six days later.

The family member said that her family is still waiting for an explanation from the HSE over the in-

cident. While the nursing staff at the hospital were supportive of the family, there was "no apology" or explanation from the management.

Gardaí in Roscommon confirmed that an escort was provided for Ms. Macklin's remains to be taken to Galway for a postmortem. The results of the postmortem are not yet available.

A spokesperson for the HSE said: "The HSE is currently examining the circumstances surrounding the death of a person involved with one of our disability services in County Roscommon."

"A preliminary review of the known facts is ongoing and we are awaiting

certain medical reports. It will not be possible to comment further until that initial examination is completed."

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