

**Priority question for written answer P-004830/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Risks to patients' rights and whistleblower protection in the management of Torrejón University Hospital

According to reports, the concessionary company of Torrejón University Hospital issued internal instructions to increase waiting lists, carry out fewer operations and reject patients or treatments considered to be 'unprofitable', prioritising economic criteria in a public service funded by the Community of Madrid. In addition, four managers were reportedly dismissed after they used the whistleblowing channel to warn of the consequences that these instructions would have for the safety of healthcare and of the possible violation of patients' rights.

1. In light of Article 35 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, Article 168 of the TFEU and the principles of equal and non-discriminatory access set out in Directive 2011/24/EU, does the Commission consider practices that reject patients or delay surgeries on the grounds of profitability to be compatible with European health protection obligations?
2. In light of Directive 2019/1937 and its transposition through Law 2/2023, does the Commission consider that the dismissal of individuals who warned of risks to healthcare provision could constitute retaliation contrary to EU law?
3. Will the Commission request information and clarification on this issue from the regional managing executive?

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