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Dear Mr Ellis

I have been kept aware of your complaint against Fr Duggan and the difficulties faced in bringing this matter to some kind of resolution. It is unfortunately clear now that Fr Duggan is in no state to respond to the charges against him and that the facts of the matter cannot be established on the balance of probabilities. As you are aware this is not to suggest that you are disbelieved, but that it has become a matter of one person's word against another. Fr Duggan cannot respond and we have no other record of complaints of this kind against him.

I know that to achieve some peace of mind you would like to have a meeting with Fr Duggan and it has been suggested that this might be done in a formal way with one of my Assistant Bishops being present during the meeting. This plan was developed in response to your request for a meeting.

It seems to me that such a meeting does not require such formality and it would be better if you still want such a meeting, that you contact the hospital directly and ask them to arrange it.

I very much regret any hurt that you have experienced, but under these circumstances I do not see that there is anything the Archdiocese can do to help you bring this matter to some resolution.

Yours sincerely