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“To ask the Minister for Health the follow up steps taken by HIQA to ensure that the serious and potentially deadly failures in the management of CPE at Cork University Hospital found in its inspection of 7 November 2018 have been comprehensively addressed and remedied”

Dear Deputy Daly

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

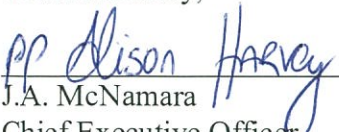
Cork University Hospital have undertaken the following to comprehensively manage CPE in the hospital:

- In terms of staffing, a letter has been sent to the SSWHG seeking adequate staff resources, including additional Consultant Microbiologists, Infection Control Nurses, Cleaning staff, Surveillance Scientist, Antimicrobial Pharmacist. This letter also indicates the breadth of refurbishment works that are required and seeks funding for same.
- A protocol for infection alert wards is underway.
- The annual Infection Prevention and Control plan has been issued in draft form and will be enacted once the vacant Consultant Microbiologist position is filled.
- Education is being targeted to ensure patients are screened, where appropriate, on admission. Admission documentation is also being changed to reflect this requirement.
- Daily updates are sent to relevant personnel on the current hospital status of cases and contacts.

- Clean equipment tagging and cleaning frequency logs have been introduced.
- Patients appropriately isolated once detected, with access to designated toilet facilities Medical equipment audit results discussed at the IPCC monthly meetings
- HPV fogging has been introduced and is available as an on-demand service (for contaminated rooms).
- Monthly CPE team meetings have now been introduced. This will deal with any remaining outstanding recommendations.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer