



By email to jan.osullivan@oireachtas.ie

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Ms. Jan O'Sullivan, T.D,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 41715/19 *“To ask the Minister for Health the process deployed in relation to the decision to outsource the work of the laundry service located at a hospital (details supplied); the number of meetings that took place between staff and or their representatives and management as part of this process; the details in relation to the cost-benefit analysis undertaken to establish the cost of retaining the laundry service in-house, versus the cost of outsourcing the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Dear Deputy O' Sullivan,

The RCSI Hospital Group 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

A joint union management forum meeting was held on 2nd April 2019, where the unions were advised of Management's decision to restructure the existing laundry service at the Hospital.

A programme of engagement commenced immediately with the laundry personnel and the respective unions. Three meetings have been held with staff & unions prior to the outsourcing and local management held a number of subsequent meetings with Staff.

We trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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