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‘To ask the Minister for Health when a decision was made by the HSE to relocate residents from a nursing home (Sacred Heart Hospital Roscommon) to allow for works to be carried out; the consultation carried out with staff, residents and their families; the date the consultations commenced; if the HSE engaged with HIQA regarding alternative options on relocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter’.

Dear Deputy Kerrane

I refer to the above PQ uploaded on the PAD System on 28th July 2020 and due for response by 13th August 2020. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

At all times fire safety and the overall safety of our Community Nursing Unit residents and staff is paramount for HSE Community Healthcare West.

In relation to the Sacred Heart Hospital Roscommon essential fire remedial works are required to comply with HIQA regulations. HSE Community Healthcare West regrets that these necessary works will involve a temporary relocation of the residents in two wards. Moving residents is a last resort but for health and safety reasons due to the level of work involved, each ward will have to be vacated on a phased basis for approximately 6 weeks each.

On 17th July 2020 a consultation and engagement process commenced with residents affected and their families and is currently ongoing to identify the best available interim option so that this important necessary work can be completed. Furthermore, engagement with Sacred Heart Hospital staff, who are also affected by the necessary works, and Unions is currently ongoing.

As it is the regulator for Older People’s Residential Units, HSE Community Healthcare West is in regular contact with HIQA in respect of the management of its residential services including that of the Sacred Heart Hospital, Roscommon.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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