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Mr. Fergus O'Dowd T.D.,  
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**Re: Parliamentary Question – 38509/20**

To ask the Minister for Health the concerns which were expressed regarding IPC in private nursing homes in CHO8 in June 2020 (details supplied - Area Crisis Management meeting for CHO8 Midland Louth Meath held on the 16th June 2020) the subsequent action taken as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Fergus O'Dowd

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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 outline response as follows.

In this regard, I wish to advise that the HSE is maintaining regular contact with private nursing homes and is providing on-going advice and supports in relation to Infection Prevention and Control. Supports being provided include education & training together with access to HSE and HSPC websites for up-to-date information and training support, staff accommodation where required and all PPE requirements.

Prior to June 2020, basic PPE (gloves, aprons, sanitiser) was provided to all Nursing Homes. Additional PPE was also provided to any nursing home that had Covid positive cases. Since June 2020 all PPE has been provided free of charge to private nursing homes, irrespective of Covid status.

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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