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**PQ 29638/20 To ask the Minister for Health the HSE policy in relation to remote working during the Covid-19 pandemic, in particular for hospital employees whose work can be done from home; if a forum is available for workers to contact should they feel that they are being put under pressure to return to the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Bríd Smith**

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary questions above which was sent to the HSE for reply.

Please see the link to the HSE HR Circular 056/20 Policy on Public Health Service Employees working from home during Covid-19 which details the HSE policy in relation to remote working during the Covid-19 pandemic.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/hr-circulars/hse-policy-on-public-health-service-employees-working-from-home-during-covid-19.pdf>

The Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021: Plan for Living with COVID-19 was published by the Government on 15 September 2020. Please see link to HSE HR Circular 60/2020 Guidance and FAQs for public service employers during COVID-19 <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/hr-circulars/hr-circular-060-2020-guidance-and-faqs-for-public-service-employers-during-covid-19.html>

If employees have concerns in relation to returning to the workplace, they should raise their issues with their local management or local HR/Employee Relations Department.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie O'Sullivan".

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Marie O'Sullivan  
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