



13th December 2021

Deputy Smith
Dáil Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 58764/21

To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE raised concerns with Our Lady's hospice Harold's Cross and Blackrock in relation to the funding of posts and the losses recorded in the restaurants in locations in 2016, 2017 and 2018; the actions, sanctions or measures the HSE took on foot of those concerns to deal with the losses recorded; and if the HSE requested or conducted an audit connected with these losses; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services recorded losses in catering during the years 2016, 2017, and 2018. An action plan was put in place by the organisation to address these losses, and all actions have been completed to date. This was monitored through performance meetings with the Health Service Executive. Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services have an internal audit plan, and an annual external audit is carried out. The audit outputs are shared at the performance meetings with the Health Service Executive.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mary O'Kelly
Head of Service, Primary Care
Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow Community Healthcare