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Re: PQ - PQ 19299

PQ 19299 - To ask the Minister for Health the development and rollout status of the acute floors information system; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 the following outlines the position.

Response:

The National Project Board for the Acute Floor Information System Project commenced its work in 2018 to advance planning and operational roll out of the AFIS system across HSE hospitals nationally. The initial objective of the project was to provide assistance to hospitals where there was limited ICT infra-structure within the Emergency Department.

In mid-March 2020 the AFIS procurement evaluation group was scheduled to meet and finalise procurement scoring. Unfortunately, the day before that meeting the country entered severe restrictions and the meeting was unable to take place. The urgent COVID response meant that all the OoCIO team involved in AFIS were re-assigned to the COVID Care Tracker (CCT) system. Over this period, you will be aware that the OoCIO were also significantly involved in the cyber-attack response and the recovery period associated with this major incident.

However, in April 2022, the HSE reconvened the National Project Board with a view to progressing the AFIS project again. The next meeting of the AFIS Project Board is scheduled for June. In parallel the procurement team in the HSE is in the process of finalizing the awarding of the contract for the AFIS system.

Yours sincerely

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