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PQ23743/22- Deputy Réada Cronin- To ask the Minister for Health the current state of the installation of air filtration and or air-cleaning tools in hospitals and public buildings given that Covid is airborne and it is the third year of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cronin,

Thank you for your representation.

All HSE-AMRIC guidance promote adequate ventilation as one of a number of measures to reduce the risk of transmission of SAR-CoV-2. Regarding air cleaning the HSE-AMRIC view is and that while there is evidence that the devices remove microbes from the air we do not have evidence of clinical benefit (reduced incidence of infection). Therefore we do not recommend general deployment of air cleaning technology in healthcare settings. This can also be considered as true in non-healthcare settings but HSE-AMRIC is primarily focused on the healthcare setting. HSE-AMRIC has advised Acute Operations that it was appropriate to provide support to UH Limerick for an evaluation of the technology in their setting. We continue to watch for emerging evidence and experience. HSE-AMRIC is not advising against use of air cleaning. They may be considered appropriate in some setting based on the individual facility assessment.

I am aware that they are in use in some healthcare settings.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

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