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Leinster House,
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PQ 58022/22* To ask the Minister for Health the last time that an in-person external fire safety audit was carried out on behalf of the HSE in each hospital part of RCSI group; when the next in-person external fire safety audit on behalf of the HSE will take place in each hospital part of the group in tabular form; and if these reports are published. -Catherine Murphy

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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.

There is a comprehensive proactive programme in place in relation to Fire Safety within all HSE premises including each hospital within the RCSI hospital group. Part of this programme involves ongoing Fire Safety Risk Assessments and Audits. These Fire Risk Assessments and Audits are completed by both internal HSE Fire Prevention Officers and externally by suitably qualified Fire Safety Consultants and Advisors.

From these baseline audits and inspections, a proactive programme of works is executed to address the current risk profiles. These audits and inspections are live documents that are revised on an ongoing basis as the risk profile changes.

Whilst refurbishment projects are being carried out within HSE Hospitals, the area being refurbished is upgraded in compliance with all Building Regulations, inclusive of Fire Safety.

In addition, each HSE facility has a Fire Safety Register, which outlines the operational responsibilities and duties of all building managers with regard to meeting all obligations under the Fire Services Act, 1981 and 2003.

Yours sincerely,

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