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Re. **PQ 5433/23**

To ask the Minister for Health what happens when an external report on an incident at a public hospital is filed; if hospital management are obliged to prepare an action plan in response to identified shortcomings and recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Crowe

I refer to your parliamentary question above which has been referred to HSE Quality and Patient Safety Incident Management for response.

HSE and HSE-funded services are required to follow the Incident Management Framework 2020 which describes how incidents should be reviewed and responded to. Where there is an incident review, there are generally lessons learnt identified from such events and recommendations are made to prevent similar incidents from occurring. An action plan is drawn up in response to the recommendations. Implementation or oversight of the implementation of the actions predominantly sits with the hospital management team. The IMF HSE - Incident Management Framework and Guidance 2020 is available to download from our website [here](#).

Outside of the incident management process, hospital management teams would oversee the implementation of action plans in response to external reviews by regulators such as HIQA/MHC, etc.

I trust this clarifies the matter but please do contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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