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Deputy Colm Burke, T. D.
(via HSE PQ/REPDR system)

Re: To ask the Minister for Health in view of recent security breaches at Irish hospitals, such as the Mercy Hospital Cork, the new security measures that have been put in place to ensure that this does not occur again; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Burke,

I refer to your recent PQ in respect of the above. Following the recent security breach at Mercy University Hospital (MUH) where criminal damage was caused to MUH property, the following processes have been examined and risk assessed in terms of additional control and mitigation:

- Weekly meetings are taking place with the MUH Security Provider
- Ongoing meetings with An Garda Síochána including via the Hospital Watch structure
- Increased visibility by An Garda Síochána in the surrounds of MUH
- Incidents of note have been reported to An Garda Síochána for investigation and same will be dealt with by way of Adult Caution or prosecution through the courts
- In terms of overall Security Systems Governance, control measures are being reviewed and reprioritised with a view to progressing any high-risk issues as a matter of urgency
- Elimination of crime by design reviews are ongoing in conjunction with the An Garda Síochána Crime Prevention Officer
- Community based CCTV Project is being progressed in conjunction with Cork City Council and An Garda Síochána

I trust this answers your query and please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Interim CEO should you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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