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Re: PQ 49515/25

To ask the Minister for Health to publish HSE guidance issued to schools on mandatory written allergen information for non-prepacked foods, including the 2025 update to FSAI guidance note 28; and to detail audit findings on compliance in schools. -Ken O'Flynn

Dear Deputy O'Flynn

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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.

The HSE provides information food allergies to the public through these content hubs: <https://www2.hse.ie/babies-children/weaning-eating/allergies-fussy-eating/food-allergies/>
<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/food-allergy/>

The HSE does not have a role in the guidance or operation food provision in schools. The Department of Health with support from safefood have published Nutrition Standards for School Meals and Nutrition Standards for Hot School Meals. The Department of Social Protection operates the School Meals Schemes.

The FSAI is responsible for communicating its guidance to relevant stakeholders.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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