

Corporate Services Dept.

Dr. James Reilly T.D.,  
Minister for Health,  
Hawkins House,  
Hawkins Street,  
Dublin 2.

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14<sup>th</sup> May, 2014  
Our Ref: M20/0414

**Re: Motion Passed at Meeting of South Dublin County Council (M20/0414)**

Dear Minister Reilly,

The following Motion was agreed at the meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014:

“That this Council calls on the Minister to introduce as a matter of priority Mandatory Oxygen Saturation screening with the use of Pulse Oximeters in every Maternity Hospital in the State as part of the general postnatal assessment of babies. These Pulse Oximeters already exist in all Maternity Hospitals for use in difficult Births. Only seven of the twenty Maternity Hospitals in this State use this system, consequently over half of babies born with a heart defect are discharged without a diagnosis and relevant care. This has resulted in death and lifelong health problems which could have been improved with early diagnosis with the use of this simple and quick test.”

The Motion was **PASSED** and it was **AGREED** to circulate a copy of the motion to all Local Authorities.

I should be grateful for your comments at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



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Tom O'Neill,  
Meetings Administrator,  
Corporate Services Department.