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Fire Safety in Traveller Accommodation

Circular Letter Fire 08/15

6 November 2015

Dear Chief Executive,

I refer to the Department's Circular Letter Fire 08/15 of 21 October last re the above, and would like to provide you with an update on progress on this from a national perspective, as well as thanking both you and the staff of your authority for the work done to date in addressing this issue.

The Directorate has received good feedback on the proposed approach to the Review and the draft documents circulated on 21st October. Comments received were supportive in general of the overall plan as set out in the draft Project Initiation Document, while highlighting particular issues. The preliminary work undertaken at local level to date has been very helpful in identifying fire safety issues and potential solutions. We will continue to work over the next few weeks at national level with Traveller representative groups to co-develop the solutions and approach on implementation issues.

We are currently revising the draft documentation, taking account of comments made, with the aim of issuing before the end of November 2015. I expect we will issue revised documentation in the format of a "Guide to Fire Safety in Traveller Accommodation". This will attempt to make clear the relevant standards and issues to be addressed, as well as roles and responsibilities of each participant, including both local authority housing and fire services, in this review of fire safety in Traveller accommodation.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you again for your work on this issue and will be in touch with you again in the near future.

Yours Sincerely,

Seán Hogan,
National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management.