

16th March, 2017

Deputy Simon Harris, TD
Minister for Health,
Department of Health,
Hawkins House,
Hawkins Street,
Dublin 2

REF: 52989

RE: Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 15th March, 2017

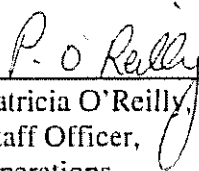
Dear Minister,

I write on behalf of the elected Members of Clondalkin Electoral Area who, at the meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee held on 15th March, 2017, adopted the following motion:

"Due to the inability of the HSE to deal with rats in people's homes in a proper time frame, this Committee agrees to write to Minister Simon Harris and to ask him to increase resources for the HSE pest control department."

I would be obliged for your comments and response as soon as possible to enable me to revert to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,


Patricia O'Reilly,
Staff Officer,
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Dear Ms O'Reilly

Thank you for your letter concerning Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 15th March, 2017.

I will bring your email to Minister Harris' attention. However, in his role as Minister for Health he deals primarily with legislation, policy, overall budgetary allocation, corporate governance and public relations. The HSE is responsible for providing public health care in hospitals and communities throughout the country. Each hospital also has its own management. I'm sure you will understand that it is not possible for him to get involved in the day to day running of hospitals or get involved in individual cases. In fact under section 6 of the HSE Governance Act 2013, he is legally barred from directing the HSE to provide a treatment or a personal service to any individual or to confer eligibility on any individual.

Your correspondence has been referred to the HSE National Advocacy Unit in the Quality & Patient Safety Directorate, Oak House Millennium Park Naas Co Kildare. It will then be forwarded to the appropriate Local Health Area/Hospital for investigation and direct reply to you.

I hope this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Paula Smeaton
Private Secretary

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