



Subject:	Motion - CCTV in Care Homes - Response from Department of Health
Date:	23rd August, 2019
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider a response which has been received from Mr. Richard Pengelly, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, in relation to a motion on CCTV in Care Homes which was passed by the Council on 21st May.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to note the response and take any such action as may be determined.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Council, at its meeting on 21st May, passed the following motion on CCTV in Care Homes, which had been proposed by Councillor Heading and seconded by Councillor Whyte:

	<p>“This Council notes the campaign by the Dunmurry Manor Relatives Organisation to highlight the need for CCTV cameras in communal areas of residential homes. The Council calls on the Department for Health to include the provision of CCTV in any contract made with a private home where the care of the elderly is carried out.”</p> <p>3.2 A letter was forwarded subsequently to the Permanent Secretary, Department for Health, in relation to the motion. His response is attached.</p> <p>3.3 The Permanent Secretary explains that the compulsory introduction of CCTV into residential and nursing homes is a complex issue and would, initially, be likely to require Ministerial agreement, along with the probable introduction of new legislation.</p> <p>3.4 He highlights the fact that the Commissioner for Older People had, within his “Home Truths” report into Dunmurry Manor Care Home, included a recommendation for the Department for Health/Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority to produce comprehensive guidance on the potential use of covert and overt CCTV in care homes, compliant with human right and data protection law.</p> <p>3.5 The Permanent Secretary concludes by pointing out that, as a Health and Social Care Service, advice was currently being developed for any incoming Minister and that the views of stakeholders would be considered as part of that process.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.6 None</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>3.7 None</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Response from Permanent Secretary, Department of Health</p>