



Subject:	Motion : CCTV in Care Homes - Response from Department of Health
Date:	25th October, 2019
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider a further response 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 Committee will recall that 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>
3.2	The Committee will recall also that, at its meeting on 23rd August, it considered a response from the Permanent Secretary, in which he had stated that the compulsory introduction of CCTV into residential and nursing homes would, initially, be likely to require Ministerial agreement, along with the probable introduction of new legislation.
3.3	The Permanent Secretary had highlighted 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.
3.4	He had concluded 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.
3.5	After discussion, the Committee noted the response from the Permanent Secretary and agreed that a further letter be forwarded to him seeking clarification on whether the advice to which he had referred had now been drafted and, if so, calling for it to be published.
3.6	The Permanent Secretary, within his latest response, points out that the work on developing the advice for incoming Ministers is continuing and that it would be inappropriate to publish it in advance of any new Minister having the opportunity to consider it.
	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.7	None
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.8	None
4.0	Document Attached
	Response from Permanent Secretary, Department of Health