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Ref: PQ 29903/24 – Lucan Lodge

PQ Question:

To ask the Minister for Health the discussions the HSE has had with the owner of a facility (details supplied) in order for the HSE to take over the running of the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

“Mark Ward”

Response:

Dear Deputy,

The HSE has engaged with both the Landlord of Lucan Lodge Nursing Home and the Tenant (the former registered provider) Passage Healthcare on an ongoing basis since taking charge of Lucan Lodge under Section 64 of the Health Act 2004, pending the making of alternative arrangements for residents.

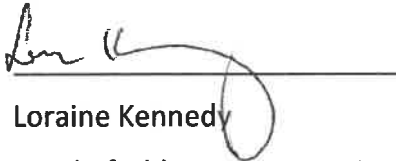
Since taking charge, the HSE has identified significant fire safety and water quality concerns at Lucan Lodge, including the presence of the Legionella bacteria in the water supply. The HSE understands however that substantial works would be required by the owner of the property or by Passage Healthcare to the water systems, fire safety remediation and other matters necessary to make Lucan Lodge fit to be registered with HIQA for any future use as a nursing home and that this would involve upgrades of the mechanical, electrical and water systems in the building along with Infection Prevention Control works including flooring, hand hygiene, storage, laundry and bathroom upgrades. This would in any event require vacant possession and alternative placements for all remaining residents, as those works would render the premises unsuitable to live in as a health care environment.

In order to protect residents from the fire safety and public health risks while those arrangements are being made, the HSE has been required to implement emergency measures in particular to minimise the level of Legionella and the risk of infection to residents, staff and visitors. Those necessary measures are causing unsustainable restrictions on residents’ rights, and the HSE has been engaging with all residents and

families on an ongoing basis to support them to transfer to alternative placements as soon as possible in the interests of resident welfare and dignity.

The HSE's priority remains ensuring the safety, welfare and dignity of the residents in the difficult situation which has arisen following the cancellation of the registration of the former provider of Lucan Lodge, the identification of Legionella and fire safety risks at the premises and the ongoing and unsustainable restrictions to residents' rights due to the restricted water supply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Loraine Kennedy', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and includes a large loop at the end.

Loraine Kennedy

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