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Subject: RE: Guidance on the transfer of hospitalised patients from an acute hospital to a residential care facility in the context of the global COVID-19 epidemic

Tadhg,

I note your email to Mary who is out of the office until Wednesday 18th.

The guidance you refer to is not HIQA guidance – as part of the National effort we have offered to use our communication channels to disseminate information from the HSE. Therefore the content of the guidance has not been developed or influenced by us.

Like NHI, HIQA's main priority is the protection of vulnerable service users. This has been reflected in our contribution to the NPHET and in this instance more particularly to the subgroup of that team that is dealing with vulnerable people. Mary is HIQA's representative on that team.

You will be aware that HIQA and the Chief Inspector have issued a number of notices to providers and onto our website that relate to our role and duties in this crisis.

I will speak to Susan on Monday regarding the potential for a meeting with yourselves and revert at that point.

Regards,

Phelim