

**From the Permanent Secretary
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Dear Mr Downey

Thank you for your letter of 4 June 2019 on behalf of Belfast City Council and I note the motion relating to CCTV.

As you may be aware, the compulsory introduction of CCTV into residential and nursing homes is a complex issue. Initially it would likely require Ministerial agreement to do so, along with the probable introduction of new legislation.

Among the recommendations of the Commissioner for Older People's "Home Truths" report into Dunmurry Manor Care Home, is one for the Department / RQIA to produce comprehensive guidance on the potential use of covert and overt CCTV in care homes compliant with human right and data protection law.

As a Health and Social Care Service, we are currently developing advice for any incoming Minister and in the course of this will listen carefully to the opinions of stakeholders.

Yours sincerely

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