

**ST. VINCENT'S HEALTHCARE GROUP
C/O ST. VINCENT'S UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
ELM PARK, DUBLIN 4, IRELAND**

Incorporating St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4, Ireland; St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland; St. Vincent's Private Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4, Ireland

Professor Noel Whelan, Chairman, Board of Directors



11 February, 2014

Ms Niamh Maguire
Committee Secretariat
Committee on Public Accounts
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Dear Ms Maguire:

I have just returned to Ireland from undertaking voluntary work abroad and have now received your letters of 22 January 2014 and 11 February 2014.

Re your letter of 22 January 2014: I confirm that St. Vincent's will supply the information you specify in the fourth paragraph of your letter. We have already forwarded the legal advice we received from Mangan O'Beirne Solicitors, and Mr Michael McDowell S.C to the Director General of the HSE. We are awaiting the permission of Arthur Cox Solicitors to release the information which it provided some years ago to St. Vincent's. As I understand it, the HSE was to receive the information from St. Vincent's (see page 102 of the proceedings of the Committee of Public Accounts meeting of 16 January, 2014), and presumably it will be for the HSE to send the information on the the PAC if required. But, if the PAC wishes, St. Vincent's will also send on to the PAC the legal information referred to.

Re your letter of 11 February, 2014: I have just received this today and I confirm that St. Vincent's will provide a note on the issues raised in the anonymous letter (on unheaded paper) which you have sent to us.

With kind regards;

Yours sincerely

Noel Whelan
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Copy: Board of Directors, St. Vincent's Healthcare Group