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## **Revised Faculty Statement re SI 256 2018 implementation – Interim Solution**

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As per HIQA's interpretation of SI 256, 2018 (the implementation of the ionising Radiation basic safety standards EU directive 13/59) it is now a mandatory requirement that information relating to patient exposure forms part of the report of the medical Radiological procedure.

In this regard, there has been extensive discussion and engagement with stakeholders over the past several months.

An automated process is being put in place by the HSE to address this issue but it is not yet ready for rollout.

In the meantime, as of 13 September 2023, the HSE has issued guidance to hospitals on a new interim solution which the Faculty of Radiologists and Radiation Oncologists has approved and HIQA are in agreement with. The following wording from the HSE memo 13 Sept 2023 is agreed:

Local RIS / PACS radiology information systems in every location has been modified to automatically incorporate the following text as a footnote in all medical reports. *"This patient has had a medical exposure to ionising radiation. Information relating to this exposure can be found at (<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/acute-hospitals-division/radiationprotection/radiation-doses-received-during-medical-procedures/>).*

*The patient / doctor can also contact the department where the procedure was carried out for the specific radiation dose associated with the procedure. Ionising Radiation is not used in ultrasound or MRI examinations".*