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Managers and Proprietors

All:

Residential homes

Nursing homes

Children's homes

Residential family centres

Dear Sir/Madam

Northern Ireland Health Technical Memorandum (NIHTM) 84 – Fire Risk Assessment in Residential Care Premises.

The DHSSPSNI suite of Firecode documents including Health Technical Memorandum (HTM) 84 - *Fire Safety in Residential Care Premises* have been revised by Health Estates and Investment Group (HEIG). This document has been replaced by Northern Ireland Health Technical Memorandum (NIHTM) 84 – *Fire Risk Assessment in Residential Care Premises*.

You should ensure that your fire risk assessment and the fire safety arrangements in your home take cognisance of the revised guidance - at least when you next review your fire risk assessment if not beforehand. You should also ensure that all new works and alterations to your establishment are subject to the revised guidance.

The guidance is available by registering on the 'space for health' website at: <http://www.spaceforhealth.nhs.uk/> and can be found on the Northern Ireland section of the site.

Yours faithfully

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