



The **Regulation** and  
**Quality Improvement**  
Authority

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Managers and Proprietors  
All regulated residential care establishments;  
Nursing Homes  
Residential Care Homes  
Children's Homes  
Residential Family Centres

Dear Sir/Madam

**Rosepark Care Home, Scotland, Fatal Accident Inquiry**

In January 2004, a fire occurred at Rosepark Care Home, Uddingston, South Lanarkshire, Scotland, where 14 elderly residents lost their lives.

A fatal accident inquiry into the fire was led by Sheriff Principal Brian Lockhart, and the report was published in April 2011.

RQIA, as the regulator of care homes in Northern Ireland, wishes to make you aware of issues which were identified as contributory factors to this fatal accident.

For your information, a guidance check list is attached (see Annex 1), which sets out learning and improvement for consideration and implementation as necessary.

This guidance is relevant to all registered managers and providers, and to fire safety advisers and fire risk assessors who should assist you in applying this learning in your own homes. A number of the issues identified are also relevant to the staff working in your care homes and should be brought to their attention.

In light of this guidance, RQIA recommends that you review and amend/update as necessary your current arrangements for managing fire safety, including your fire risk assessment and fire safety practices.

I trust that you will find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

**Phelim Quinn**  
**Director of Regulation**