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Dear Colleagues

**UPDATE TO ESTATE BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE – FIRECODE**

**Summary**

This letter is to inform you of the following updated guidance documents: -

**Healthcare Technical Memoranda:**

HTM 05-01 (Firecode) – Managing Healthcare Fire Safety  
[Health Technical Memorandum 05-01: Managing healthcare fire safety](#)

This document has been added to the Estates publications registry as relevant guidance (<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/estates-and-facilities-publications>).

**Action**

Chief Executives are asked to:

- Ensure that your Estate leads review policies and procedures for fire safety management in line with this revised HTM 05 01 document as best practice to be implemented.

**Background**

Letter ref HE1/18/25630 dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 advised HSC Trusts of the archiving of the NI Firecode guidance documents and the adoption of the current HTM 05 suite of documents as relevant fire safety guidance for the HSC Estate. This

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HTM focuses on establishing the appropriate fire safety management systems for healthcare organisations. It recognises the unique operational context of healthcare organisations and the need for a robust system of fire safety management. The guidance and recommendations contained in this HTM are intended to support compliance with statutory requirements within a structured management framework.

The HTM 05 suite of documents are currently being updated and a number have already been published. PEL (24) 01(letter ref HE1/24/339631) advised of the publication of HTM 05-03 Firecode – Fire Safety in the NHS – Operational Provisions.

Work continues on:

HTM 05-02 Firecode  
HTM 05-03 Firecode Part C Textiles and Furnishings  
HTM 05-03 Firecode Part D Commercial Property.

The HSC Regional Estates Fire Officer Group was represented on the working group leading on the update of this HTM 05 suite of documents.

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