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Re: PQ 11613/19

To ask the Minister for Health if he will develop a new FAST media campaign to ensure national awareness of stroke symptoms among adults and ensure more persons get to hospital for treatment early thereby reducing disability after stroke and associated care required; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy O'Reilly

Clinical Strategy & Programmes has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme for Stroke on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The 2010 FAST media campaign was run by the Irish Heart Foundation (IHF) and funded through Atlantic Philanthropies. The National Clinical Programme for Stroke is fully supportive of the re-introduction of the FAST media campaign and calls by the Irish Heart Foundation for restoration of the campaign. The National Clinical Programme for Stroke confirmed that they have advised the Minister for Health, the Department of Health and the Acute Operations Division, HSE that the FAST campaign should be introduced as a priority.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Carey'.

Tim Carey
Assistant National Director