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Leinster House
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Re: PQ 11616/19

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of establishing a heart failure unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive 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 Heart Failure on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

It is estimated that in order to establish a heart failure service/specialist team in a model 3/4 hospital where no existing heart failure service exists, an investment of approximately €375,000 per hospital is required. This funding would be for the appointment of a Consultant Cardiologist with an interest in heart failure, 2 Clinical Nurse Specialists and the provision of B-type Natriuretic Peptide testing and based on the implementation of the existing model of care.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Tim Carey
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