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**Re: PQ 11617/19**

***To ask the Minister for Health the status of the planned review of the model of heart failure care; if an audit of existing service levels has been conducted; if there has been a service gap analysis; 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.

The review of the National Clinical Programme Heart Failure Model of Care (MoC) is currently underway. It is planned to present an updated draft of the MoC to the Heart Failure Clinical Advisory Group by the end of Quarter 2, 2019.

An audit of existing heart failure services has been conducted and results are being studied in line with the review of the MoC. A service gap analysis is planned in the coming months, as part of the work on the review of the MoC.

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,

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