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**Deputy Louise O'Reilly,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 11619/19

To ask the Minister for Health the costs associated with national roll out of heart failure integrated care projects in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Louise O'Reilly

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Over the past 3 years progress has been made to seed and expand the Heart Failure Integrated Care Virtual Consultation Service in the Ireland East Hospital Group (IEHG) catchment area. The HSE has funded the continuation of this service in Carlow-Kilkenny for 2019. This funding amounts to €156,000. Full year costs to continue this service beyond 2019 are €217,000.

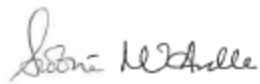
There is also a Heart Failure Virtual Consultation Service currently in operation in South Dublin, Wicklow and North Wexford. This service is not currently funded by the HSE. Under the estimates process for 2019 the IEHG and the National Clinical Programme for Heart Failure submitted business plans to support the continuation of this service and its expansion on the East Coast: the current cost of this business plan is €486,000.

A business plan has also been submitted to roll out the service to the Dublin North (Mater Hospital) catchment area. This plan is costed at €263,000. Plans for extension of the service beyond the St. Vincent's Hospital and Mater Hospital catchment areas to the rest of the country has not yet been costed, as it is unlikely in the short term.

The Business Case was submitted to the Chronic Disease Commissioning team in 2018. Funding just for 2019 was continued from Chief Clinical Officer's Office. This bid is now being submitted to Sláintecare innovation fund for consideration

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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