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Deputy Louise O'Reilly,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 10459/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of requests made to the HSE in each of the past five years and to date in 2020 for funding for automated external defibrillators by families with inherited heart conditions; the number of these that have been approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Louise O'Reilly

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

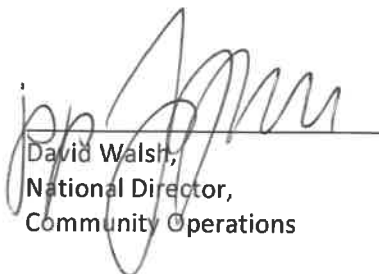
The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Previously this question was asked in 2018, and the position was that there were on average 5 requests made per year from 2014 to 2018. Since then, there have been no further requests for funding for automated external defibrillators (AEDs) over the last 5 years.

Please note that AEDs are not covered under the Aids and Appliances scheme for Medical Card/LTI Card Holders, and when applications have been made in the past, they have been refused on these grounds.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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