



2nd July 2020

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

PQ 10934/20 – To ask the Minister for Health the procedures and criteria in place in respect of supplying automated external defibrillators for families of children with inherited heart conditions; if there are different criteria in place in view of the absence of standard pathways; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 10935/20 – To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop a system for supplying automated external defibrillators for families of children with inherited heart conditions and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

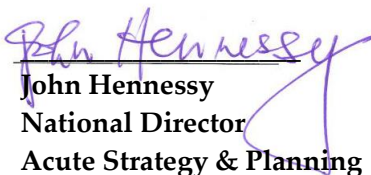
The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Children with inherited cardiac channelopathy Long QT syndrome (LQTS) are under the care of Consultants in Paediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Physiology at Children's Health Ireland. Treatment and management decisions are based on an individual comprehensive risk assessment and patients may be prescribed beta-blockers, sudden cardiac arrest prevention via implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD) placement and / or the avoidance of sports activities so as to prevent exercise-induced arrhythmia and sudden cardiac death.

The position in relation to the supply of automated external defibrillators is currently being examined with a view to determining a consistent and evidence based approach in relation to such devices.

I will revert to you as soon as possible to advise further.

Yours sincerely,


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