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CC/JC/MMcM

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Mr Jackie Cahill TD, Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re: PQ 11123/20

* To ask the Minister for Health when the cardiology department in Nenagh Hospital, County Tipperary will be up and running; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jackie Cahill

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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

The Cardiology Services in Nenagh Hospital have recommenced on a phased basis during the week commencing the 29th June 2020. This is inclusive of Heart Failure, Cardiac Rehab and Outpatient Department Clinics.

All decisions to reopen services are carefully planned and are in line with public health principles and guidance and clinical risk. We will be utilising technology to safely reduce one to one consultations where possible. We will also be considering physical space and patient flow measures in all our decisions to ensure staff and patients stay safely apart. Our decisions will be influenced by available staffing, capacity and the constraints of delivering services within a COVID environment.

I trust this clarifies the position. Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Colette Cowan

Chief Executive Officer UL Hospitals Group

