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RE: PQ 21590/20

To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the number of heart failure nurses is sufficient to fully meet standards in relation to the treatment and management of heart failure in hospitals and in the community; if there is a deficit, the number of additional heart failure nurses required; the other staffing deficits that exist within heart failure services; and if he will make a statement on the matter

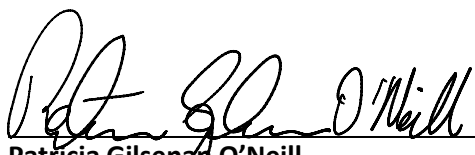
Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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 Heart Programme on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

As part of the review of the Heart Failure Model of Care (MOC) an audit of heart failure services was carried out in 2018. A service gap analysis has been drafted and is due to be updated in line with the National Review of Specialist Cardiac Services. This will include recommendations in relation to the number of heart failure nurses and other key staff involved in the delivery of heart failure services. From on-going work force assessment as part of the Enhanced Community Care Business Plan it is clear that there is a deficit on HF nurses but more importantly a deficit in Cardiologists with a Special interest in HF care.

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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