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RE: 21091/21

To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of recommendation 4.2 of Changing Cardiovascular Health: National Cardiovascular Health Policy 2010 - 2019; 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. The following outlines the position.

RECOMMENDATION 4.2

Professional standards: The 2007 ESC Clinical Practice Guidelines should be adopted and a care protocol for primary care based on these guidelines should be developed. Protocols on best practice in cardiovascular clinical care should be agreed.

This extends the group of individuals considered at high risk and includes patients with established disease, close relatives of people with premature atherosclerotic disorders and individuals with multiple risk factors.

Lead organisation: HSE, in partnership with Irish Heart Foundation, Irish Cardiac Society, Irish College of General Practitioners, Department of Health and Children, and HIQA.

The HSE proposal for the General Practitioner Chronic Disease Contract was based on targeted individual assessment, prevention and management of cardiovascular disease and primary care, including the use of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) practice guidelines for identifying patients at risk.

Terms of Agreement between the Department of Health, the HSE and the IMO regarding GP Contractual Reform and Service Development can be accessed here:
<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/gmscontracts/2019agreement/agreement-2019.pdf>

The Terms of Agreement document states that a Chronic Disease Management Programme for GMS/GPVC patients would commence in January, 2020 and would be rolled out to adult patients over a 4-year period. The Programme is comprised of three components and includes an annual preventive programme for patients at high risk of cardiovascular disease or diabetes (page 7 of 110).

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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General Manager