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Leinster House,
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PQ 21096/21– To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of recommendation 4.7 of Changing Cardiovascular Health: National Cardiovascular Health Policy 2010 – 2019; the actions that were taken to ensure full implementation; the aspects outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Louise O'Reilly

Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above PQ which you submitted and apologise for the delay in responding.

Anticoagulation services are now specifically used for monitoring of Warfarin therapy, which is used less and less over the last decade since the Cardiovascular Health Policy was published in 2011. These services are under the control of laboratory medicine and haematology services and not within the remit of the National Heart Programme/ Integrated Care Programme for the Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease.

A National chronic disease management programme was launched by the HSE in 2020 which provides for structured management of people with atrial fibrillation in general practice and screening of those with other cardiovascular diseases for atrial fibrillation. A National Prevention Programme which will provide for opportunistic case finding for atrial fibrillation of people attending general practice who are at risk of developing cardiovascular disease was due to launch in 2021 but has been delayed due to the recent cyber-attack. Both these services are for people with medical cards and doctor visit cards only.

I hope the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,
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