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RE: PQ 21101/21

To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of recommendation 5.8 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

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.

The National Heart Programme, through its Clinical Advisory Group, is conducting a review of services available for the management of acute coronary syndrome (ACS), which will include addressing matters outlined in this recommendation.

As part of the HSE Enhanced Community Care Programme (ECCP), funding has been made available in Phase 1 ECCP to support 18 Integrated Care Specialist Ambulatory Care Hubs in the community, with an additional 12 hubs planned. Each of these specialist community hubs will serve a population of approximately 150,000. To support roll out of the community hubs, funding has also been allocated to acute hospitals in Phase 1 ECCP, for 7 new Integrated Care Cardiologists and 8.2 WTE Acute Cardiovascular Disease Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS), with planning for additional resources underway. These posts, providing integrated care services, will restructure how cardiovascular care is delivered, providing the right type of care, at the right time, by the right person and in the right place, in keeping with the principles of Sláintecare. This will include urgent outpatient clinic review, where needed, and deflecting lower risk presentations to the Community Hub for assessment.

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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General Manager

