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RE: PQ 21105/21

To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of recommendation 5.16 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.

Recommendations in relation to GUCH (Grown-up Congenital Heart disease) patients will be made by the *National Review of Cardiac Services*, led by the Department of Health (DOH). This national review has been delayed, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The National Heart Programme (NHP) is currently liaising with the DOH in relation to the national review.

The Clinical Advisory Group (CAG) of the NHP has recently agreed to establish a sub-group on Congenital Cardiology, including maternity. This sub-group is currently being formed.

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