



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



Naas General Hospital
Naas, Co. Kildare

09TH March 2021

Catherine Murphy, TD
Kildare South Constituency,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

RE: PQ 6623/21

RE: To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent cardiac consultants required to provide 24/7 cardiac cover at Naas General Hospital.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

In relation to the above query, Naas General Hospital has a Consultant Physician On Call 24/7 who manages the care for all medical patients. The hospital has a Consultant Physician with speciality interest in cardiology, and additional speciality cardiology sessions provided by a split post with Tallaght University Hospital. Where required, the Consultant Physician will seek advice and consultation from Cardiology specialists and the Cardiac Diagnostics Department. Under the Acute Coronary Syndrome National Programme, the agreed methodology for the management of certain cardiac conditions involves transfer to a facility who are capable of delivering percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) within a narrow timeframe. The optimum strategy for the provision of services within Naas General Hospital involves provision of high quality initial treatment on site, with facilitated access to specific diagnostics and cardiology intervention in a designated centre.

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,

Alice Kinsella

Alice Kinsella,
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