



Office of the Head of Operations Primary Care, Community Operations  
Dr. Steevens Hospital, Dublin 8, DO8 W2A8  
Tel: 01-6352682 Email: community.primarycare@hse.ie

Oifig Ceann na n-Oibríochtaí, Cúraim Phríomhúil, Oibríochtaí Pobail  
Ospidéal Dr. Steevens' Baile Atha Cliath 8, DO8 W2A8  
T 01 6352682 R: community.primarycare@hse.ie

7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Deputy Brendan Griffin,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 24258/21 - To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will take over the maintenance and upkeep of community provided lifesaving defibrillators; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**- Brendan Griffin**

---

Dear Deputy Griffin,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 24258/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a medical device that analyses a person's heart rhythm and, when needed, delivers a shock to sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) victims who are in a shockable heart rhythm. These are owned by a diverse range of commercial, voluntary, sporting, and other organisations dispersed throughout the country. The HSE currently has no plans to take over the maintenance and upkeep of automated external defibrillators that have been supplied by these organisations.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

---

**TJ Dunford**  
Head of Operations - Primary Care  
Community Operations