

1st November 2021

Deputy Johnny Guirke T.D.,
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Re: PQ 53563/21 – Cardiac rehabilitation service, Navan Hospital

“To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the cardiac rehabilitation service in Our Lady’s hospital Navan, County Meath has remained suspended since January 2021; the schedule for the recommencement of this essential service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Guirke,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the cardiac rehabilitation service in Our Lady’s hospital Navan, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that Our Lady’s Hospital, Navan are currently not providing Phase III Cardiac Rehabilitation Care.

This service initially ceased on 5th January 2021 due to the redeployment of staff to assist in the management of the Covid-19 Pandemic in the hospital. Since March 2021, the nurse specialist in the Cardiac Rehabilitation Department has been on long term Sick Leave and there is currently only one staff nurse running the department.

Recruitment plans are underway to fill the vacant post in a temporary capacity at which stage it is envisaged Phase III Cardiac Rehabilitation Care will resume.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Director of Nursing and Midwifery