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Mr Martin Browne TD  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 55762/21

**\* To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the continuing absence of cardiac rehabilitation in Nenagh General Hospital that was suspended due to Covid-19 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**Details supplied: It is one of just four hospitals nationally that has not yet restored this vital service**

Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have been in contact with the relevant staff and I have been informed that cardiac rehabilitation services in Nenagh Hospital were suspended on the 08<sup>th</sup> January 2021 due to Covid-19 protective measures in the hospital at the time.

This service resumed on a phased basis on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 in line with public health guidelines with both in person and virtual consultations and assessments being offered to patients.

There is currently one vacant physiotherapy post within this service and interviews are due to be held in early December. Exercise classes will recommence once this post has been filled.

I trust this clarifies the position. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



**Colette Cowan**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**UL Hospitals Group**