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RE: PQ 50254/21

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an overview of services for heart failure patients in the community; 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.

There are currently limited services available for heart failure patients in the community. These include a Virtual Consultation Service with Heart Failure Integrated Care Clinical Nurse Specialists supports in some areas as detailed in a previous parliamentary question response (PQ 50276/21).

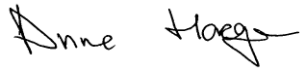
It is planned that such services as those piloted through the recent Sláintecare Integration Fund (SIF) will now be subsumed into the Enhanced Community Care Programme (ECCP) and delivered as part of the Integrated Care Programme for Chronic Disease, increasing and mainstreaming services in the community for all cardiovascular patients, including those living with heart failure. Funding has been made available to support 30 Integrated Care Specialist Ambulatory Care Hubs in the community.

The former National Clinical Programme Heart Failure (now part of the National Heart Programme) also implemented a number of community heart failure projects, including:

- Midlands STOP HF Prevention Programme - screening for Asymptomatic Left Ventricular Dysfunction in Diabetic Cohort in the Community;
- Community New Diagnostic Clinic (Gorey/ Wexford/ SVUH Group);
- A number of Medicines Management Interventions in Cardiovascular Disease.

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