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RE: PQ 50280/21

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on additional cardiology acute gaps to be addressed in alignment with Enhanced Community Care Programme Phase two developments; the detail of this that is currently being finalised; 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.

16 new Consultant Cardiologists, Lead in Integrated Cardiology Care, positions have been funded across two phases of the Enhanced Community Care Programme in the following hospitals/ community healthcare organisations (CHO): Cavan General Hospital/ CHO 1, University Hospital Galway/ CHO 2, Portiuncula University Hospital/ CHO 2, University Hospital Limerick/ CHO 3, Cork University Hospital/ CHO 4, St Luke's Hospital Kilkenny/ CHO 5, Wexford General Hospital/ CHO 5, St Vincent's University Hospital/ CHO 6, St James's Hospital/ CHO 7, Tallaght University Hospital/ CHO 7, Naas General Hospital/ CHO 7, Midlands Regional Hospital, Mullingar/ CHO 8, Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise/ CHO 8, Beaumont Hospital/ CHO 9, Mater University Hospital/ CHO 9 and Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown/ CHO 9.

An Acute Clinical Nurse Specialist Cardiovascular Disease has also been funded to work across these areas. These posts will work 50/ 50 in the integrated care cardiology service across the acute site and associated CHO.

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