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RE: PQ 50282/21

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on Enhanced Community Care Programme planning which is underway to support non-invasive diagnostics including ECHO services; the plans that are in place to include additional cardiac physiologist resources to support community services; 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.

A programme of work is underway to support the delivery of diagnostics for chronic disease in the community. An additional 32 Senior Cardiac Physiologists will be funded across the country to support the delivery of Direct GP access to ECHO services in the community.

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