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**RE: PQ 41970/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health if there are hospitals in which cardiac rehabilitation phase III is not operational in view of the strong evidence base for cardiac rehabilitation and the need for equitable and timely access to cardiac rehabilitation for all eligible patients living in Ireland; if so, the hospitals; 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 four units not providing phase III cardiac rehabilitation services. This is due to a number of factors including reallocation of the cardiac rehabilitation space to provide the service, redeployment of staff and non-replacement of staff on long term sick leave.

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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