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Leinster House,
Dublin 2

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PQ 42454/21 – To ask the Minister for Health if he will takes steps to ensure access to diagnostic testing BNP blood testing and echocardiography at primary care level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Carol Nolan

Deputy Nolan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above PQ which you submitted.

The HSE plans to roll-out to GPs access to BNP testing, spirometry, and echocardiography services. These services are intended to support the delivery of the Chronic Disease Management Programme which has been established under the 2019 GP Agreement. The Chronic Disease Management Programme will deliver proactive GP care to an estimated 431,000 patients when fully rolled out, allowing them two annual consultations with the GP practice nurse and two consultations with their GP to facilitate management of four conditions (Type 2 Diabetes, asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder (COPD), and cardiovascular disease). It is anticipated that the Chronic Disease Management Programme will both improve patient care and reduce pressure on hospital services by reducing the need for patient attendance.

I hope the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,
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