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RE: PQ 43121/21

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated additional cost of providing at least one advanced nurse practitioner in each heart failure service unit

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

The Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) works autonomously in certain defined areas of practice to provide care for patients with heart failure (HF) and their families/carers through direct clinical care, information, education and support. They provide independent nurse-led clinics for HF patients in certain settings, facilitate evidence-based diagnosis and management including assessment and prescribing. The ANP provides case management and support for the ongoing care of specific patients in collaboration with GPs, Consultants and the wider multidisciplinary team (MDT). The ANP also provides education for patients, their families/carers and the wider MDT in, disease education evidenced based management, the prevention of disease progression and self-management support.

There are currently 11 WTE ANP's operating in acute HF units. An ANP post costs approximately €78k.

It is not at present a requirement of the National Heart Programme (NHP) Model of Care for HF to have one ANP per HF unit. Currently, this requirement is decided locally, as part of the overall structure of the specific unit e.g. availability of Consultant Leads, number of CNS's etc.

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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