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To ask the Minister for Health if appropriate staffing and finance will be put in place for the provision of 24-hour blood pressure monitoring for patients attending public hospitals who have been deemed to require this monitoring, particularly patients with diabetes; if the cardiology services in some hospitals have outsourced this service to the private sector thus requiring these patients to pay for it; the reasons for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Haughey,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Response:

A Prevention Subgroup of the National Heart Programme Clinical Advisory Group has been established. This group will be looking across the spectrum of cardiovascular disease prevention which may be inclusive of blood pressure monitoring which is a service not only provided at public hospital level but also in the community by many GPs.

In relation to outsourcing of this service to the private sector hospital groups have been contacted for information in relation to this and we will provide a follow up response when the information is available.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,



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