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RE: PQ 35314/22 & PQ 35315/22 & PQ 35316/22

PQ 35314/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals that provide percutaneous coronary intervention broken down by hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ 35315/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals that provide cardiac services broken down by hospital and by service type; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ 35316/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals providing primary percutaneous coronary intervention for ST-elevation myocardial infarction; the names of the hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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 (NHP) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

Primary PCI (percutaneous coronary intervention) centres are designated based on population and on current staff and facilities using international best practice principles, with the following recommended characteristics:

- recommended minimum of two catheterisation labs at every primary PCI centre in order to ensure access at all times;
- recommended minimum interventional cardiologist on-call frequency roster of 1:5;
- recommended 24/7 provision of services at primary PCI.

There are 10 PCI centres nationally:

- Five designated primary PCI centres with 24/7 service:
 1. Cork University Hospital
 2. Mater Misericordiae University Hospital
 3. St James's Hospital
 4. University Hospital Galway
 5. University Hospital Limerick.

- One designated primary PCI centre with 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday coverage – University Hospital Waterford.
- Three PCI centres that offer opportunistic primary PCI from 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday:
 1. Beaumont Hospital
 2. St Vincent’s University Hospital
 3. Tallaght University Hospital.
- Letterkenny University Hospital (LUH) - Altnagelvin Hospital provides 24/7 primary PCI coverage for parts of Donegal as part of a cross-border care arrangement between the HSE and NHS. Patients in Donegal with a STEMI who receive primary PCI in Alnagelvin are transferred back to LUH for all further STEMI care.

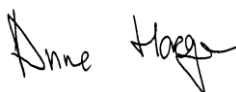
As well as non-invasive cardiology, the hospitals listed above also provide invasive cardiology services. There is a wide range of non-invasive cardiac services provided in all admitting acute hospitals nationally.

A Hospital Group is the current unit of delivery for hospital-based services. Hospital Groups decide on the optimal configuration of services within their group, in order to support integration and improve patient flow across the care continuum¹.

The National Heart Programme has no plans to undertake an audit of cardiac service provision at this time. As part of the National Review of Cardiac Services due to be published later this year, the Department of Health undertook an extensive survey of services provided nationally. This National Review of Cardiac Services report (pending) may include further detailed information, in respect of types of non-invasive/ invasive cardiology provided in particular centres nationally.

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



Anne Horgan
General Manager

References:

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