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RE: PQ36114/22

To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which cardiovascular research continues to be made available to the service providers with particular reference to ensuring that adequate provision in terms of financial and staffing supports are made available to those providing such services in the shortest possible time; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Durkan,

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.

Cardiovascular research is a critical component of cardiovascular care. As research based in Ireland can be challenging to run, due to limited resources, Irish cardiovascular departments/units tend to take part in international projects. Some larger units, however, may have the capacity to perform their own research.

Important research efforts were a fundamental part of the Sláintecare Integration Fund, with many clinical services developing important research observations arising from Sláintecare-sponsored research. Similarly, important audit/ research data comes from National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA) and its Irish Heart Attack Audit (IHAA). The IHAA is clinically led, collecting high quality data on acute coronary syndrome (ACS) patients admitted to Primary Percutaneous Intervention Centres in Ireland, for the purpose of healthcare quality improvement.

Results of research activities, national and international, are disseminated through national fora.

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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