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**RE: PQ 25429/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1374 of 26 April 2022, if the 17 whole-time equivalent acute CVD clinical nurse specialists and the 16 consultant cardiologist posts which have been funded to address acute hospital gaps have been filled; the progress that has been made to date in filling these posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy O' Reilly,

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.

Of the 17 WTE acute CVD Clinical Nurse Specialists, the National Heart Programme (NHP) is aware of 5 CVD Clinical Nurse Specialist appointments that have been made to date.

In relation to the 16 Consultant in Cardiology (Lead in Integrated Cardiology Care) posts - to date, 3 new Cardiologists have commenced, in St Vincent's University Hospital, Beaumont Hospital and Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown. Two new Cardiologists have accepted offers of posts in University Hospital Galway and Mater Misericordiae Hospital and will take up their positions in the coming months. The Cardiologist post in Cork University Hospital has been offered. The remaining posts are in various stages of the recruitment process.

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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