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Deputy Louise O'Reilly, TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

RE: PQ 14772/23

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide funding for a five-year hypertension awareness and behaviour change campaign led by an organisation (details supplied); 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 Clinical Programme (NCP) for Stroke on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The NCP for Stroke does not have immediate plans for an awareness and behaviour change campaign relating to hypertension. However, NCP for Stroke, in collaboration with the national HSE chronic disease programmes, the Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP) and other key stakeholders, plan to develop a clinical care pathway for the case-finding, diagnosis and treatment of high blood pressure in over 45-year-olds, to be delivered at primary care level.

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

