



13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Deputy Louise O'Reilly, TD  
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Leinster House  
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**PQ 10011/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health if he can provide information on the rate of referral to cardiac rehabilitation phase 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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.

The HSE does not routinely collect data on the rate of referral to cardiac rehabilitation (Phase 3).

The HSE's Model of Care for Integrated Cardiac Rehabilitation was launched in October 2023. In line with best international evidence and practice, the model advocates for a person-centred approach, with a focus on helping the patient to manage their condition, set individualised goals and receive their rehabilitation service as close to home as possible.

Importantly, this Model of Care includes a mechanism for data collection to support continuous improvement. This data includes organisational key performance indicators (KPIs) on referrals to cardiac rehabilitation.

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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**Anne Horgan**  
**General Manager**

**References:**

The Model of Care for Integrated Cardiac Rehabilitation is available at:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/model-of-care-for-integrated-cardiac-rehabilitation.pdf>