



11 July 2025

Deputy Michael Fitzmaurice, TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
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**PQ 35843/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that participated in a phase 3 Cardiac Rehab programme in each site (hospital and hub) in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice,

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.

Funding was allocated for new service developments of cardiovascular services in 2025, to support the implementation and evaluation of the HSE's Model of Care for Integrated Cardiac Rehabilitation (2023)<sup>1</sup> in two Integrated Health Area (IHA) regions in the Health Region *HSE West and North West*.

This project is a proof of concept of implementation of the HSE's Model of Care for Integrated Cardiac Rehabilitation. It will address critical gaps in cardiac rehabilitation teams in two Integrated Health Areas (IHAs), IHA Galway-Roscommon and IHA Mayo, by recruiting additional posts, to convene complete integrated cardiac rehabilitation teams, enabling teams to deliver and evaluate an end-to-end implementation of the Model of Care.

Thirteen new posts have been funded across four hospitals and three hubs in the region. A standardised model of cardiac rehabilitation across acute and community will be implemented in the region in line with the National Model of Care.

Data with respect to the number of patients that participated in a Phase 3 Cardiac Rehabilitation programme in each site (hospital and hub) in 2024 is not available at the moment. However, metrics including waiting times, clinical and patient-reported impacts will be collected and evaluated in this proof of concept project at two Integrated Health Area (IHA) regions in HSE West and North West.

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:**

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