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Deputy Heneghan  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

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**RE: PQ ref 42827/25 – To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the current level of funding allocated to cochlear implant services in Beaumont Hospital given the potential of these services to significantly improve the quality of life for individuals with hearing loss; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Heneghan,

Currently the cochlear implant department is funded for one cochlear implant for adults who have a bilateral significant hearing loss, in keeping with international practice. We are aware that some patients travel abroad with an E112 form to have a single implant for one side hearing loss. It would be inappropriate and inaccurate to comment on funding until a Hearing Technology Assessment (HTA) is complete and this is in keeping with best practice as advised by the HSE.

We are currently in the process of liaising with Mr Colm Henry and HIQA (re a Hearing Technology Assessment) to examine the feasibility and cost effectiveness of providing a cochlear implant to adults who have one bad ear and one normal hearing ear."

Kind regards,

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