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To ask the Minister for Health when she expects the cardiac rehab hub in Galway University Hospital is due to be reopened; when and the reason it was suspended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -
Mairéad Farrell

Dear Deputy Farrell,

The HSE has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above.

In response to your query, we can confirm that the Galway City Hub Cardiac Rehabilitation programme was suspended in November 2023 due to vacant posts. The recruitment embargo and Pay & Numbers Strategy affected recruitment to fill these posts.

We have received confirmation that these posts (Physiotherapist & Cardiac Rehabilitation Nurse Co-Ordinator) have been reinstated as part of the Cardiology National Development Plan. These posts approved are included in a total of 13 WTEs for Cardiac Rehabilitation in the Integrated Health Areas for both Galway/Roscommon & Mayo. This will be run as a national demonstration project in the end to end implementation of the model of care for cardiac rehabilitation in the area. We are progressing with the next stage to enable us to recruit which we are advised is imminent.

It is anticipated that that the Galway Hub Cardiac Rehabilitation programme will restart in July 2025 pending successful recruitment of these vacant posts.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Kane
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