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RE: PQ 1929/21

To ask the Minister for Health the psychological supports available to heart failure patients; 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 Heart Programme on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

There is currently limited access to psychological supports for heart failure patients nationally. A 2018 acute heart failure service survey reported only one heart failure unit as having a psychologist as part of the multidisciplinary team for heart failure.

It is recommended as part of the Model of Care for Heart Failure that psychological supports be available to patients with heart failure. Funding is being made available as part of an Enhanced Community Care Project to support the provision of psychology services in new Specialist Chronic Disease Community Care Hubs. This service will include heart failure patients.

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