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Deputy Louise O'Reilly,
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PQ 10012/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the cost of extending the chronic disease management programme to all heart failure patients; the current number of heart failure patients on the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Louise O'Reilly

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

I refer to your parliamentary question, which was passed to the HSE for response.

The GP Agreement 2019 provided for the introduction of an integrated model of a structured Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Programme. The GP Agreement (2019) provided €80m for new developments including roll out of the CDM Programme. The CDM Programme was launched in 2020 and has been rolled out on a phased basis (2020 – 2023). The aim of the Programme is to prevent and manage patients' chronic diseases using a population-approach. The Programme identifies and manages GMS and GP visit card patients at risk of chronic disease or who have been diagnosed with one or more specified chronic diseases.

The Programme aims to improve the health and wellbeing of patients living with certain chronic diseases. Its goals are to minimize symptoms, improve quality of life, and prevent unnecessary hospitalisations.

The CDM Programme currently covers GMS and DVC patients only. Up to the end of 2023 there were 39,559 patients with heart failure registered on the programme. It is estimated that there are approximately 60,000 heart failure patients, who do not have GMS coverage in the population. It is estimated that it would cost in excess of €20 million to extend eligibility to these patients, given the likely multimorbidity which occurs in heart failure patients.

Further details on the CDM programme can be accessed via the link below <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/the-second-report-of-the-structured-chronic-disease-management-treatment-programme-in-general-practice.pdf>

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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