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Ms. Niamh Smyth T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 36084/24 *“To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no cardiologist based in Cavan General Hospital; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the cardiologist previously in place has moved permanently to Drogheda Hospital; if he will examine this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Niamh Smyth”*

Dear Deputy Smyth,

The RCSI Hospital Group has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Pre-existing pathways for cardiology patients remain in place in Cavan and Monaghan Hospital and are as follows:

- Emergency cardiology patients continue to be managed within the ED/MAU, with referrals to tertiary sites as required.
- Patients can be referred to General Medicine OPD where general cardiology will be triaged and reviewed as appropriate.

A locum Consultant Cardiologist will be commencing in post imminently. Active recruitment is currently underway for permanent substantive post.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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