

To ask the Minister for Health and Children if she will make a commitment that there will be no further reductions in cardiac rehab services noting that presently, less than 50% of eligible patients have access to cardiac rehab. Furthermore, staff cuts have been imposed over the last year in 13 out of the 38 (34%) of the country's cardiac rehab centres and will she make a statement.

To ask the Minister for Health & Children will she give an undertaking to ensure that cardiac rehab is properly resourced through the reversal recent staff cuts and the protection of current services from future cutbacks noting that international clinical trial evidence indicates that cardiac rehab is directly responsible for reducing cardiac and all cause mortality by 26% and will she appreciate that if all eligible patients in Ireland received cardiac rehab, some 2,300 lives could be saved each year and will she further appreciate the clear need to protect this life-saving capability and the major quality of life benefits accruing to thousands more cardiac patients.