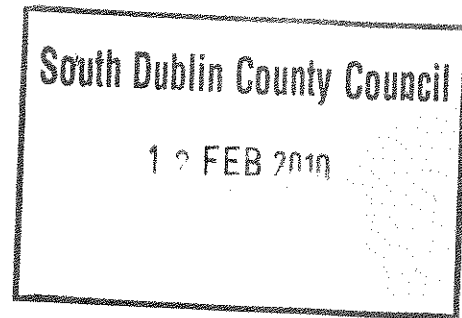




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Dear Mary

I wish to thank you for your recent letter concerning the motion passed by South Dublin County Council to request the Minister to deliver a major programme and awareness campaign on strokes.

In September 2007, I established a National Cardiovascular and Stroke Policy Group to develop a new policy framework covering all aspects of cardiovascular health, including stroke. As part of its work the Group addressed the issues raised by the Irish National Audit of Stroke Care 2008 including the subjects of education in order to make the public aware of the means by which they can reduce their risk of stroke, the organisation of stroke services, the development of stroke units, the provision of thrombolysis, as well as models for rehabilitation and discharge planning. The Report of the Policy Group is being finalised at present.

I trust that this clarifies the matter for you.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Health and Children