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**RE: 16997/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health if he will establish a registry for persons suffering from fibromyalgia; if fibromyalgia can be added to the long term illness list; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Haughey,

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 Clinical Programme (NCP) for Rheumatology on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The Long Term Illness Scheme (LTI) falls under the remit of the Department of Health and the DoH will respond on this element. There are no plans for a registry for Fibromyalgia in Ireland. The NCP for Rheumatology has proposed an Arthritis Registry in the Rheumatology model of care to support the future development of services for patients with Bone and Joint diseases in Ireland and which would ultimately include fibromyalgia. The NCP for Rheumatology are currently exploring ways to establish such a register.

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

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