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Re: PQ 18849/19

To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish a national diabetes register; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGrath,

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 for Diabetes on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The establishment of a National Diabetes Registry is a key priority of the National Clinical Programme (NCP) for Diabetes.

Establishment of a registry would help with tracking the prevalence of the condition, measuring outcomes and cost of care and planning for future services. A National Diabetes Registry would also generate important data for future audit and research in Ireland.

Currently, there is no accurate figure for the number of people living with diabetes as Ireland does not have a National Diabetes Registry. This deficit represents a significant barrier to improving diabetes care for individuals living with type 1 and type 2 diabetes in Ireland.

A National Diabetes Registry Working Group was established in 2018 and a dedicated lead appointed. A detailed specification plan for a National Diabetes Registry has been submitted to the Slaintecare Integration Fund in April 2019. Work is already underway on agreeing the number of data sources, agreeing a minimum dataset and to clarify governance structures and resourcing of staffing and ICT

support. Once specific funding has been secured it is anticipated that the procurement process for a registry could be undertaken in 2020 and a National Diabetes Registry could be in place by 2021.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia Gilson O'Neill".

Ms Patricia Gilson O'Neill
General Manager