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Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

Re: PQ 20925/19

To ask the Minister for Health his plans to fund a registry of persons suffering from fibromyalgia in order that it is possible to ascertain the number of persons suffering from this condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

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 Rheumatology(NCPR) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The National Clinical Programme for Rheumatology is an advocate for the use of registries to improve patient care. The NCPR has proposed an Arthritis Registry in the NCPR 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.

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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