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Deputy Willie Penrose TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House

Dublin 2

PQ 20984/19: To ask the Minister for Health the health services available to persons that have been definitively diagnosed with Lyme disease; if weekly ECG tests and blood tests every two weeks are available to such persons that need continuous assessment and treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

## **Dear Deputy Penrose,**

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

## Response:

Lyme Disease has a varied presentation and individuals may present with symptoms and signs relating to one or more organ systems.

The treating clinician will discuss the management of the condition with their respective patient and tests and treatments will follow the usual clinical practice to manage the presenting symptoms.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

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