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Leinster House,  
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**Date:** 18th November 2019

**PQ 45590/19:** To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the commencement of the HSE genetics programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Rabbitte,

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:**

The HSE plans to develop a National Genetics and Genomics Medicine Network (NGGMN). To support this, it is intended to recruit a Director for the NGGMN and a National Clinical Laboratory Director NGGMN.

The Director for the NGGMN will be a joint academic appointment with UCD and TCD. UCD have agreed to lead on the recruitment process. The Office of the Chief Clinical Officer is currently working with UCD to progress this. Recruitment of the National Clinical Laboratory Director NGGMN will commence once final approval has been received from the Department of Health.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

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Sharon Dwyer,  
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