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**RE: PQ 47314/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with type 1 and type 2 diabetes by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Quinlivan,

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.

Currently, there is no accurate figure for the number of people living with diabetes as Ireland does not have a National Diabetes Registry. In contrast to the situation in Ireland, our nearest neighbour, Scotland, maintains a National Diabetes Registry and can track the prevalence of diabetes year on year. The most recent data from Scotland (taken from the Scotland Diabetes Survey 2018) are highlighted in the Table below. The figures for Ireland are estimated based on the Scottish prevalence of diabetes (5.6% of the total census population) and based on the Scottish prevalence of type 2 diabetes (87.9% of the total diabetes population) and type 1 diabetes (10.8% of the total diabetes population). Other (rare) forms of diabetes have not been included in the Table.

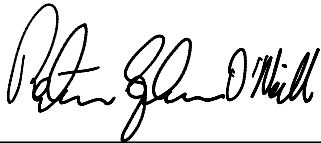
Country	Total (census) population	Total Diabetes Prevalence	Type 2 Diabetes Prevalence	Type 1 Diabetes Prevalence
Scotland	5,424,800	304,375	267,615	32,828
Ireland (estimate)	4,761,865 (CSO, 2016)	266,664	234,398	28,800



The establishment of a National Diabetes Registry is a key priority of the National Clinical Programme (NCP) for Diabetes. In 2019, an application to the Sláintecare Integration Fund to progress development of the National Diabetes Registry was successful. Work is ongoing in this area.

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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