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PQ 40788/19 To ask the Minister for Health the way in which a patient here can obtain a test for malignant hyperthermia; if the test is not available here if a person can access this treatment in another country and be refunded here; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Moynihan,

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 National Clinical Programme for Anaesthesia advised that the muscle biopsy test to establish malignant hyperthermia is not available presently in Ireland; the centre for such testing is based in Leeds in the UK. Patients have in the past availed of the Treatment Abroad options to help with the costs involved.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

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