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Leinster House
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RE: PQ 30008/20

To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to address the growing number of non-alcohol fatty liver disease here; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Farrell,

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 Gastroenterology and Hepatology (NCP G&H) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

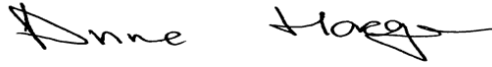
Non Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) is the liver manifestation of a metabolic syndrome. It is characterised by fatty infiltration of the liver in the absence of alcohol consumption.

The National Clinical Programme for Gastroenterology & Hepatology (NCP G&H) was established in October 2019 and has set up a number of working groups to focus on key priorities, one of which is the Hepatology working group. NCPG&H recommend the early detection and staging of NAFLD for optimal disease management. The Hepatology working group will focus on the development of an integrated model of care for patients with or at risk of liver disease. This group has identified NAFLD for inclusion in this model of care.

The NCP G&H aims to promote the awareness of NAFLD nationally in conjunction with the National Obesity Management Clinical Programme and Healthy Ireland Programme, with the overall goal of disease prevention, ensuring earlier diagnosis of patients who develop liver disease, developing individual treatment plans and reducing the burden of chronic liver disease to patients and the health service.

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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