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Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne,
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Re: PQ Ref 23417/20 To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to offer Diabetes Self-Management Education Courses to the adult sufferers of Diabetes in the Mid-West.

Dear Deputy Wynne,

I refer to your Parliamentary Question in relation to the above **"To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to offer Diabetes Self-Management Education Courses to the adult sufferers of Diabetes in the Mid-West"**.

Due to the health risks the Covid pandemic poses to patients with Type 2 Diabetes, face to face group Diabetes Self-Management Courses have been suspended in the Mid-West. The Dietetics service in the Mid-West is offering patients referred with Type 2 Diabetes telehealth consultations in place of group education.

The Dietetics service in the Mid-West is planning to introduce internet based group self management courses in the coming months in place of face to face courses. Adult patients aged over 30 years of age with Type 2 Diabetes can be referred to the Dietitian for assessment by their G.P., Public Health Nurse, Practice Nurse, Diabetes Clinical Nurse Specialist or any other member of their Primary Care Team.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

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