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RE: PQ 26318/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons living with a stroke related disability or that have had a stroke in Ireland; the area from which the figure comes from; if research has been undertaken on the projected number of persons that will be living with a stroke related disability or who will have a stroke in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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 Stroke on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

Approximately 7,000 - 8,000 strokes occur in Ireland every year, 85% of which are ischaemic (interruption of blood supply due to blockage of a blood vessel) and 15% due to spontaneous haemorrhage or other causes. Data from the 2018 National Stroke Register indicates the mortality from ischaemic stroke is 8% and that mortality due to haemorrhage approximately 32% which is comparable to that reported in the National Audit of Hospital Mortality for the same year. The Kings College London report for the Stroke Alliance for Europe has projected a possible 58% increase in the total numbers of stroke for Ireland, extrapolating from our demographic and epidemiological data on stroke (CSO and North Dublin Population Stroke Study). The estimate numbers of people living with disability post stroke is estimated at 30,000 at any one time and cited in the 2008 Irish Heart foundation Stroke Audit. More up to date data will become available in the soon to be published and first Irish National Audit of Stroke by the National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA) later this year.

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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