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To ask the Minister for Health when a consultant will be able to prescribe under the medical cannabis access programme and have it covered under the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Darren O'Rourke

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 22169/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Hospital Consultants will be able to prescribe under the Medical Cannabis Access Programme in July 2021. Where the person has a diagnosis of Epilepsy or Multiple Sclerosis and the indication for the prescription is in line with Schedule 2 of the Misuse of Drugs (Prescription and Control of Supply of Cannabis for Medical Use) Regulations 2019, it will be covered under their LTI eligibility.

Yours sincerely,

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