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PQ: 22376/21

To ask the Minister for Health when the medicinal cannabis access programme will be launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 22376/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE expects to have the MCAP register in place for the end of June 2021. Therefore Hospital consultants will be able to prescribe products listed in Schedule 1 in compliance with the Misuse of Drugs (Prescription and Control of Supply of Cannabis for Medical Use) Regulations 2019 for community pharmacy dispensing in July 2021.

Yours sincerely,

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