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RE: PQ 61628/21

To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans for the inclusion of obesity in the HSE Integrated Care Programme for the Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease; if supports will be made available to assist those with a diagnosis of obesity to reduce the financial cost of medications associated with the management of obesity; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Nolan,

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 HSE Obesity Clinical Programme on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

HSE Obesity Clinical Programme can confirm that obesity is included in the HSE Integrated Care Programme for the Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease. Obesity has also been included as a key area to be addressed within the HSE Corporate Plan (2021-2024). The Model of Care for the Management of Overweight and Obesity for Children and Adults was launched in March 2021. This model is in line with the strategy and structure of the Integrated Care Programme for Chronic Disease and outlines how and where treatment will be delivered to people living with obesity.

Dietitians funded through the Enhanced Community Care programme (ECC) will deliver adult weight management programmes in the community in 2022. Multidisciplinary teams funded through the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme will deliver specialist care to children and young people with overweight and obesity in community settings within CHO 5 and 7 in 2022.

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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General Manager