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Deputy Francis Noel Duffy
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PQ 62498/21- Deputy Francis Noel Duffy: To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and the HSE will recognise ME/CFS as a long-term illness; if his Department and the HSE will review the guidelines on the diagnosis and management of ME/CFS in view of the recent report published by the UK National Institute for Health and Care Excellence with updated guidelines on ME/CFS; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Duffy,

The HSE is aware of the recent publication of the NICE ME/CFS guideline that outlines better steps for diagnosis and management published on the 28th of October 2021.

These will be considered as part of a clinical and operational group which the terms of reference and its membership will be considered in early 2022.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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