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RE: PQ 5552/21

To ask the Minister for Health when a national diabetes register will be created and available to those across the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Delvin,

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

Ireland does not currently have a National Diabetes Registry. Therefore, there is no accurate figure available for the number of people living with diabetes in Ireland. Establishment of a National Diabetes Registry would help with tracking the prevalence of the condition, measuring outcomes, cost of care and planning for future services.

In 2019, the National Clinical Programme for Diabetes was successful in obtaining funding from the Sláintecare Integration Fund to develop a detailed specification and demonstrator product for a National Diabetes Registry. Unfortunately, due to the reliance of this project on both Public Health and ICT expertise/input, the project was stood down, due to the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic. The National Clinical Programme for Diabetes will continue to highlight the importance of and advocate for the development of a National Diabetes Registry for Ireland.

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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