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RE: PQ 5568/21

To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which a comprehensive public information campaign will be launched to focus on the incidents and causes of type 1 and type 2 diabetes, the simple procedures that might be followed and the seriousness of the particular condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Durkan,

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.

The HSE has recently updated their website to provide comprehensive information for the public relating to type 1 and type 2 diabetes. This information is accessible via the following link: [Diabetes - HSE.ie](https://www.hse.ie/eng/conditions/diabetes). This information has been developed, reviewed and endorsed by specialist diabetes healthcare professionals and provides practical guidance for the public on topics such as symptoms and risks, diagnosis, treatment options and where they can obtain further help and support.

For those diagnosed with type two diabetes, the HSE provides self-management education courses. The HSE currently supports three interactive group courses for people with type 2 diabetes: DISCOVER Type 2 diabetes, DESMOND and CODE. During the COVID-19 global pandemic, these education courses are being delivered in an online format. Further information on these courses is available here: [Diabetes support courses - HSE.ie](https://www.hse.ie/eng/conditions/diabetes/support).

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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