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Deputy Bernard J. Durkan, TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

RE: PQ 6284/21

To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which funding towards research into diabetes and the means to control the disease in Ireland remains available; his plans for particular initiatives in this regard; 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 examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The National Clinical Programme for Diabetes (NCP Diabetes) aims to save the lives, eyes and limbs of people living with Diabetes in Ireland by:

- Decreasing morbidity and mortality through correct and early diagnosis;
- Improving access to a structured programme of care;
- Increasing efficiencies to meet growing demand on diabetes health care services.

Funding for health research from the Department of Health is allocated via the Health Research Board (HRB), who is the lead funding agency for health research in Ireland. NCP Diabetes has no input into HRB funding for diabetes research. HRB is best placed to answer this query.

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

Anne Horgan General Manager

