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RE: PQ 6286/21

To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which his Department continues to examine the threat of diabetes throughout Ireland with particular reference to the need to check its progress and address the most salient issues arising from such investigation; his plans for the future 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 consulted with the National Clinical Programme for Diabetes on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

Ireland currently does not have a National Diabetes Registry. Therefore, there are no accurate figures available for the number of people living with diabetes in Ireland. Establishment of a National Diabetes Registry would facilitate tracking the prevalence of the condition, measuring outcomes and 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 Public Health and ICT expertise and input, the project had to be 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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