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Deputy Darren O'Rourke, TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
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**RE: PQ 7892/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with type 1 and 2 diabetes in Ireland by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

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.

This information is not available as 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.

Of note, Scotland, maintains a National Diabetes Registry and can track the prevalence of diabetes year on year. The most recent data from Scotland (taken from the Scotland Diabetes Survey 2018) is highlighted in the table below.

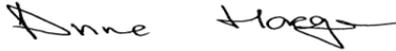
The figures for Ireland contained within this table are estimated based on (a) the Scottish prevalence of diabetes (5.6% of the total census population) and based on (b) the Scottish prevalence of type 2 diabetes (87.9% of the total diabetes population) and (c) type 1 diabetes (10.8% of the total diabetes population). Other (rare) forms of diabetes have not been included in the Table.

Country	Total (census) population	Total Diabetes Prevalence	Type 2 Diabetes Prevalence	Type 1 Diabetes Prevalence
Scotland	5,424,800	304,375	267,615	32,828
Ireland (estimate)	4,761,865 (CSO, 2016)	266,664	234,398	28,800

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.

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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**Anne Horgan**  
**General Manager**