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RE: PQ 1126/21

To ask the Minister for Health the process for nomination to the Diabetes Working Group; when it was last appointed; the process implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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 National Clinical Programme for Diabetes (NCP Diabetes) was established in 2010 and is a joint initiative between the HSE and the Royal College of Physicians (RCPI). The aim of the NCP Diabetes is 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.

Like other national clinical programmes, the work of the NCP Diabetes is progressed through a National Working Group. The purpose of the NCP Diabetes Working Group is to examine and make recommendations on the strategic and operational planning work of NCP Diabetes, taking into account the best interest of patients and their families, relevant national and international policy documents/reports and relevant national and international research, evidence-based practice and standards.

The membership of the NCP Diabetes Working Group includes the Clinical Lead (Co-Chair), ICGP Lead (Co-Chair), the Programme Manager and representatives from Medicine, Nursing, Health and Social Care Professionals, Patient Advocacy (Diabetes Ireland), patient representatives and any others that the Chair and/or Working Group deems necessary to complete the work of the group.

There are a number of processes for nomination to the NCP Diabetes Working Group, as outlined in the table below. The Chair also reserves the right to invite additional members to become part of the NCP Diabetes Working Group, as required. Currently, there is no fixed term in place for members of the working group. As soon as they step down from their representative position, a replacement is sought through the relevant nomination process for that vacancy.

Membership and Terms of Reference of the NCP Diabetes Working Group are reviewed on a yearly basis by the Chair(s) and members of the NCP Diabetes Working Group. These Terms of Reference were reviewed and agreed by the group at its most recent meeting on 20th January 2021.

Representative Role	Replacement nominated through:
Clinical Lead, NCP Diabetes	HSE Office of National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead (NCAGL) for Chronic Disease and RCPI
Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP) Diabetes Lead	ICGP
Programme Manager, NCP Diabetes	HSE Office of NCAGL for Chronic Disease and RCPI
Nursing Representatives	HSE Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Services Director
Health and Social Care Professionals	HSE National Health and Social Care Professions Office
Pharmacy	HSE National Health and Social Care Professions Office
Medical Representation	RCPI Diabetes Clinical Advisory Group
Patient Advocate	Diabetes Ireland
Patient Representatives	Diabetes 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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