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PQ: 17218/21

**To ask the Minister for Health if medical information and utilisation data is kept on a central register in the context of the MCAP; if clinical patient research is facilitated and recorded; if further amendments to primary legislation are required to further enable this process; if such legislation, if required, is being prepared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 17218/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The resources required to commence a Medicinal Cannabis Access Programme have been approved under the National Service Plan 2021 and are in the process of being put in place. The Medicinal Cannabis Access programme (including the Cannabis for Medical Use Register) is expected to be in place by the end Q2 2021. The HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Service has been asked to put the Register in place.

As per the relevant regulations, the following information is required to be submitted by a Medical Consultant to the Register before they can issue a prescription for a specified controlled drug for the first time:

- Name, address, date of birth and specified therapeutic indication of the person
- Name, registration number and medical speciality of the notifying practitioner, and
- Such additional information as the Executive may require.

An individual supplying a specified controlled drugs must submit the following information to the Register (in respect of each supply) within 14 days after the last day of the month in which the supply took place:

- His or her name and address
- The name of the person who supplied him or her
- The following particulars of the prescription
  - The date on which supply was made
  - Name, quantity, dosage form and strength (except where apparent from name) supplied
  - Dose
  - Name, address and registered number of the practitioner
  - The Cannabis for Medical Use Register number, name and address of the person for whom the product is prescribed
  - The date of the prescription
- Any further information required by the Executive

Research and clinical information is not held by the PCRS which is a reimbursement agency for services provided and products dispensed.

The PCRS cannot respond in respect of the legislative elements within the PQ and must refer back to the Dept of Health in that regard.

Yours sincerely,



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**The Health Service Executive operates the General Medical Services Scheme, which includes Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards, under the Health Act 1970, as amended. It has established a dedicated contact service for members of the Oireachtas specifically for queries relating to the status of Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards applications, which the Deputy / Senator may wish to use for an earlier response. Tel: 01-8647180 / email: [Oireachtas.pcrs@hse.ie](mailto:Oireachtas.pcrs@hse.ie)**