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Deputy Clarke
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PQ Ref 19496/21 To ask the Minister for Health the conditions, diseases or ailments that are currently part of the pre-natal screening programme.

Dear Deputy Clarke

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of 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.

As outlined on the HSE website <https://www2.hse.ie/wellbeing/child-health/screening-tests-during-pregnancy/types-of-pregnancy-screening-tests.html>, the types of illness screened for are:

- Infectious diseases
 - Syphilis
 - Hepatitis B
 - Hepatitis C
 - HIV
 - Immunity to rubella
 - Immunity to Varicella zoster (chickenpox)
- Anaemia
- Rhesus (Rh) Factor
- Sickle cell disease and thalassaemia
- Immunity to parvovirus
- Thyroid function
- Physical abnormalities
- Gestational diabetes
 - Eye problems caused by diabetes
- Chromosomal problems such as
 - Down Syndrome
 - Edwards Syndrome
 - Patau's Syndrome.

Further information can be found on the HSE website by clicking into the sub-links located within the link above.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



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