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**RE: PQ 56132/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health if up to date data is collected by the HSE regarding the number of stroke survivors in Ireland; if so, if he will provide details of the number of stroke survivors in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Connolly,

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 Stroke on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The HSE National Clinical Programme for Stroke and the Irish National Audit on Stroke (INAS) of the National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA) currently do not have up to date information on the number of people living with stroke ('stroke survivors'). There has never been a national audit specifically to determine this figure.

An estimate extrapolated from data in the first national audit of stroke services conducted by the Irish Heart Foundation (IHF) in 2008 estimated there might be 30,000 people living with stroke but this is likely to be a significant underestimate.

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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