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**RE: PQ 57454/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 655 of 16 November 2021, his plans to carry out or commission a national audit to determine the number of stroke survivors in Ireland particularly in view of the fact that the most recent estimation of this kind was undertaken in 2008; 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 Irish Heart Foundation National Audit of Stroke Care (2008) was published in association with the Department of Health. The document states "It is estimated that over 30,000 people in Ireland are survivors of stroke, many of whom have significant residual disability including hemiparesis (48%), the inability to walk (22%), need for help with activities of daily living (24-53%), clinical depression (32%) and cognitive impairment (33%)"<sup>1</sup>.

A more recent audit of stroke services (2015 National Stroke Audit)<sup>2</sup> was completed in 2015. This audit shows encouraging improvement in many areas of stroke care, with mortality reduced significantly.

The National Stroke Register has been incorporated into the Irish National Audit of Stroke (INAS), under the governance of the National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA). Further information is available at <https://www.noca.ie/audits/irish-national-audit-of-stroke-inas>

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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References:

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