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**RE: PQ 31733/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to provide public Lyme disease diagnosis processes in each CHO**

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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 Infectious Diseases (NCPID) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

Each hospital group has an infectious diseases clinic that diagnoses and treats Lyme diseases according to Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) guidelines. All such clinics have access to serology and western blot testing as per IDSA and national guidelines.

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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