



23rd March, 2022

Deputy Thomas Pringle
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Pringle,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ 12358/22

To ask the Minister for Health the actions his Department has taken to establish a working group under the joint auspices of the National Dementia Office and the Integrated Care Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

There are an estimated 64,142 people in Ireland living with dementia. This number is expected to rise to 150,131 within twenty years. In line with the HSE National Service Plan (NSP) 2022, the HSE is committed to providing current and future dementia services in a flexible and person-centred way to meet the needs of the growing number of people with dementia.

The National Dementia Office (NDO) was established in 2015 and is part of the Services for Older People Change & Innovation Team. The NDO was tasked with overseeing the implementation of the National Dementia Strategy (2014). Each of the NDO's workstreams are governed by an expert advisory or steering group. Table 1 below provide an overview of current Steering Groups.

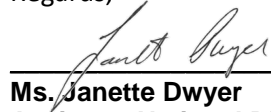
Table 1: National Dementia Office – Steering and Advisory Groups (2019 – present)

Workstream	Expert Advisory Group/Steering Group
Dementia Risk Reduction	National Dementia Risk Reduction Working Group - Co-convened by HSE's NDO and Health and Wellbeing
Disease Modifying Treatment and Diagnostic Imaging Requirements	Disease Modifying Treatment and Imaging Working Groups
Implementation of the Clinical Guideline (No21) on Appropriate Prescribing of Psychotropic Medications for People living with Dementia	National Steering Group
Dementia Understand Together in Communities	National Working Group
Dementia Model of Care	National Advisory Group
Dementia Adviser Service	National Oversight Group National Integration Implementation Group

Each of the above group comprises of broad stakeholder representation across the health system, external providers, representation from patient group(s) and/ or a person with lived experience of dementia and other stakeholders as relevant to the area.

The General Manager NDO and the National Programme Manager, Integrated Care Programme (ICPOP) Older Persons are both members of the Services for Older People Change and Innovation Team. The National Programme Manager, ICPOP is a member of a number of the Model of Care Advisory Group and the Clinical Guidelines Steering Group. . In addition the Assistant National Director Services for Older People Change and Innovation is a member of the ECC Steering Group and represents both the Integrated Care Programme for Older Persons (ICPOP) and the NDO at this forum.

Regards,



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