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**RE: PQ 22034/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health if test results for Lyme disease that have been identified in private testing facilities or following medical investigations abroad are recognised for treatment by the HSE here.**

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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.

To date, the tests results that the Infectious Diseases (ID) community have been presented with, that are performed in private fee for service labs in other jurisdictions, notably Germany, are not accredited tests for the diagnosis of Lyme disease. The diagnosis and treatment of Lyme infection and diseases is based on the guidelines as outlined by the IDSA (Infectious Diseases Society of America) that are endorsed by the IDSI (Infectious Diseases Society of Ireland), ISCM (Irish Society of Clinical Microbiologists) and other national societies.

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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