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PQ 22525/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if an update will be provided on the progress of the National Lymphoedema Clinical Guidelines. – Ivana Bacik

Dear Deputy Bacik,

I refer to your above parliamentary question which was passed to the HSE for response.

The All-Ireland Lymphoedema Guidelines was developed as a clinical resource to promote evidence-based practice and as a guide for managers and commissioners to support modernisation of pathways of lymphoedema care, education and research. The objective is to ensure that all citizens will have access to local, evidence based lymphoedema resources.

The partnership approach by the Health Service Executive (HSE), Republic of Ireland, and Health and Social Care (HSC) Northern Ireland, facilitated this cross-border initiative. The Guideline Development Group membership ensured multi-professional, service user, cross sector and pan-Ireland representation and engagement. The creation of Working Sub-Groups again widened participation. Further engagement from two external reviews ensured that colleagues throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland were included in agreeing the content and structure design.

The All-Ireland Lymphoedema Guidelines for the Diagnosis, Assessment and Management of Lymphoedema, 2022, was signed off by the HSE Chief Clinical Office Forum in April 2022. The guidelines should be ready for publishing in June 2022 and it will be available on www.hse.ie/lymphoedema.

I hope the above information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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