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To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients aged 65 years and over diagnosed with chronic kidney disease in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Burke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Response:

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) is the general term for persistent irreversible damage to the kidney. In its earliest stages, the patient has no symptoms and the kidneys have little or no structural damage.

Guidelines do not support a national screening programme to measure CKD as 90% of patients with CKD have mild disease and can be safely managed in a primary care setting by their GP and will not require specialist interventions. Chronic Kidney Disease tends to progress if undetected and untreated. In some cases, the kidney damage can progress to a point where there is complete kidney failure and such patients require treatment with dialysis and/or kidney transplantation.

The National Renal Office is tasked to manage the strategic governance of patients with complete kidney failure. The national monitoring system of patients with complete kidney failure known as the Kidney Disease Clinical Patient Management System

shows that as of Dec 2022 over 40% of patients with EKSD (n= 2006) were over 65 years.

Attached is a link to patients with ESKD data for 2022:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/renal/resources/nro-statistics-end-of-year-2022.pdf>

There are approximately 10% of the adult population ~ (450,000 people) suffer from some form of chronic kidney disease (CKD). The prevalence of patients with Chronic Kidney Disease is increased in the elderly. Based on the 2016 CSO census, it is estimated that approximately 150,000 Irish people over the age of 65 have some degree of Chronic Kidney Disease.

The HSE Chronic Disease Management Program reported recently that it has enrolled approximately 27.9% of the eligible GMS over 65 population and that CKD was detected in 14,370 which represents 23.4% of the population screened

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,



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