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RE: PQ 27184/23

To ask the Minister for Health when a clinical care programme will be implemented to meet the requirements of patients with lung fibrosis; the resources that will be allocated to its implementation and delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Lowry

Thank you for your representation.

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.

An Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) Pathway has been developed which received clinical design approval by the HSE's Chief Clinical Officer Clinical Advisory Council (CCO CAC) on 27th April 2023. Dr Killian Hurley led on the design and development of this pathway and we understand there is continued work relating to this within the HSE.

With respect to your query on implementation of a clinical care programme to meet the requirements of patients with lung fibrosis; the resources that will be allocated to its implementation and delivery, the HSE plans to meet the Irish Lung Fibrosis Association (ILFA) - the representative patient advocacy group for people diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) - in the coming weeks to discuss matters with respect to requirements of patients with lung fibrosis.

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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General Manager