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**PQ13627/23- Deputy Kathleen Funchion- To ask the Minister for Health the current status of a national treatment Centre for sufferers of Lyme disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Funchion,

Thank you for your representation.

Lyme disease may be treated by Infectious Diseases specialists, General Practitioners or by General Internal Medicine, available across all acute hospitals. The HSE website [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie) provides up to date information and advice to the public and other government departments on Lyme Disease. Relevant links to related articles and sites are also available on the website. We are unaware of plans for a national treatment centre for sufferers of Lyme disease.

HPSC (Health Protection Surveillance Centre) is Ireland's specialist agency for the surveillance of infectious diseases. Disease surveillance involves the collection, analysis and understanding of information about diseases. Both the HPSC and Tick Talk Ireland also provide guidance on protection against contracting Lyme disease and the HPSC runs a Lyme disease awareness campaign each year.

Yours sincerely

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