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**PQ 13858/23:** To ask the Minister for Health when the Sláintecare project on the development of a National Diabetes Register will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Dear Deputy Crowe,**

Thank you for your parliamentary question. Well-established national registries for diabetes exist in many countries e.g. Scotland, Scandinavia (Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden) and Canada. Evidence shows that outcomes for patients with diabetes improved after the establishment of national registries. Thus, the development of a National Diabetes Registry is a priority for Ireland.

A National Diabetes Registry Working Group was established in 2018 and a dedicated lead appointed. A detailed specification plan for a National Diabetes Registry was submitted to the Sláintecare Integration Fund in April 2019 and funding was awarded. However, due to a lack of capacity to progress the project during the COVID-19 pandemic, work on a National Diabetes Registry was stopped and funding returned.

In 2022, the National Clinical Programme of Diabetes within the HSE successfully re-applied to the Department of Health for funding to scope the development of a National Diabetes Registry within Ireland. With this support, processes are underway to transfer funding from the Department of Health to the HSE, which will enable recruitment of staff to work on this project. Work is ongoing with national and international experts and key stakeholders across various organisations on how best to approach the development of a National Diabetes Registry.

I hope this information answers your question and is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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