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RE: PQ 20254/23

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a complete list of the HSE's National Clinical Guidelines programmes, including the names of the members of each National Clinical Guidelines, including all sub-groups within each programme, such as Working Groups, Clinical Advisory Groups and so on, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Clinical Design and Innovation (CDI), HSE does not have National Clinical Guidelines Programmes. However, while National Clinical Guidelines Programmes don't exist, I can confirm that National Clinical Programmes (NCPs) are in place within CDI, HSE. A complete list of NCPs under the remit of CDI, HSE, is provided at Appendix 1.

National Clinical Guidelines produced by NCPs make reference to those who contributed to the development of the documents. Since the onset of COVID-19 Pandemic, the predominant work by NCPs has been to support the response to COVID-19 Pandemic. In that context, NCPs produced excess of 300 clinical guidance documents.

With respect to your request for information regarding a complete list of the names of the members of each National Clinical Guidelines in tabular form, undertaking such a voluminous request, spanning the 28 NCPs listed in Appendix 1, would entail an extensive time-consuming exercise as this information is not captured in the manner requested by the above parliamentary question.

However, what can be reasonably provided are NCP clinical guidelines, publicly available via the HSE website via the following link: <https://hli.ie/Covid19V2>

During COVID-19 Pandemic, this Covid-19 HSE Clinical Guidance and Evidence site, established 2020, provided a national easily-accessible repository of clinical guidance to equip the clinical community in Ireland with the requisite information whilst working within a COVID-19 environment.

This HSE Repository platform for Interim Clinical Guidance (intended for the Clinical Community) contains and enables access to HSE Interim Clinical Guidance to provide nationally consistent advice to the clinical community in response to the COVID-19 national health emergency and, as core services resumed, is inclusive of guidance for the provision of both COVID-19 care and non COVID-19 care in a COVID-19 environment. The clinical guidance hosted on the site is based on the best available knowledge at the time of completion, written by clinical subject matter experts (SMEs) working with the HSE. These SMEs have both expertise and experience of treating patients for the specific health conditions covered by the clinical guidance.

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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APPENDIX 1

List of HSE National Clinical Programmes (NCPs) as of May 2023	
1.	NCP Acute Medicine
2.	NCP Anaesthesiology
3.	NCP Critical Care
4.	NCP Cystic Fibrosis
5.	NCP Emergency Medicine
6.	NCP Gastroenterology & Hepatology
7.	NCP Infectious Diseases
8.	NCP Neurology
9.	NCP Pathology
10.	NCP Rheumatology
11.	NCP Surgery
12.	NCP Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgery
13.	NCP Diabetes
14.	NCP Respiratory
15.	National Heart Programme
16.	NCP Paediatric & Neonatology
17.	NCP Self-Harm
18.	NCP Early Intervention in Psychosis
19.	NCP Eating Disorders
20.	NCP Dual Diagnosis
21.	NCP Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
22.	NCP Dermatology
23.	NCP People with Disabilities
24.	NCP Ophthalmology
25.	NCP Older Persons
26.	NCP Stroke
27.	NCP Palliative Care
28.	NCP Rehabilitation Medicine