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RE: PQ 21724/23

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of members of the Clinical Expert Group on the free contraception scheme in the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Lahart,

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 consulted with the National Clinical Director, Integrated Care, (NCD IC) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

A small, time-limited working group was set up in the HSE Chief Clinical Officer (CCO) Function to respond to specific questions raised by the Department of Health (DOH) regarding the free contraceptive scheme.

The working group consisted of clinical colleagues from a range of relevant specialities and disciplines. This working group reported to the National Clinical Director, Integrated Care, on the specific questions raised. The work of the group was confined to these specific questions that were raised.

A formal HSE Clinical Expert Group was not established with respect to this time-bound work.

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