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**Re: PO 22702/23 “To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE in the Mid West will provide Physiotherapy for children diagnosed with Primary Lymphoedema; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.**

Dear Deputy O’Dea,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can advise that a Specialist Lymphoedema Clinic opened in Ennis, Co. Clare in 2021. The HSE piloted this new service in Co. Clare and it is anticipated that it will be developed and rolled out across the country in the future.

The purpose of the specialist clinic is to provide specialist services for clients diagnosed with Lymphoedema and it is staffed with a dedicated team which includes a Nurse, Physiotherapist and Multi Task Attendant. The team offer lymphoedema assessments, treatment and supported self-care to clients referred to the Clinic by their General Practitioner (GP) or Consultant.

The services provided by the clinic are carried out in an out-patient setting in Ennis, Co. Clare and home visits are also arranged if necessary. As part of the pilot programme, the clinic is currently accepting referrals for adult clients from Co. Clare and paediatric clients across the HSE Mid West area (i.e. Clare, Limerick and Nth. Tipperary).

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

  
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