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To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients aged 40 years and younger diagnosed with chronic kidney disease in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of 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.

Response:

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) is the general term for persistent irreversible damage to the kidney. In its earliest stages, the patient has no symptoms and the kidneys have little or no structural damage. It is estimated that approximately 10% of the population suffer from some form of CKD. These patients are managed in primary care by their general practitioner. The HSE does not maintain a register of patients with CKD.

The National Renal Office (NRO) monitors the treatment needs of patients requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant due to complete kidney failure. The national monitoring system of these patients is known as the Kidney Disease Clinical Patient Management System. On 1 January 2024, it recorded 5257 patients receiving kidney replacement therapy, either as a kidney transplant or on dialysis. Further analysis of this data shows that 15% of those on the system are 40 years or younger.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

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