



10th May, 2024

Deputy Pádraig O'Sullivan, TD
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Leinster House
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PQ 19418/24

To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to establishing a clinical care programme for those living with lung fibrosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question(s), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Director for Integrated Care (NCD IC) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The HSE's National Clinical Director for Integrated Care has requested a scoping exercise be undertaken to review the evidence and assess the needs of the population living with pulmonary fibrosis/interstitial lung disease (ILD) and to determine how and where best their care provision needs are met.

Once the needs of this population are determined, the next step in the process will be to identify the resources required to design and develop a work programme, to address and meet these needs, and to identify the requirements needed to implement a suitable care pathway for this patient cohort.

This will be determined in tandem with making the best use of existing and planned resources in the acute and community settings to support this cohort of service users.

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,

Anne Horgan
General Manager