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To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to include screening for HSV1 and HSV2 in the HSE's free home STI test kits; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Rice

Thank you for your question to the Minister for Health, which was forwarded to my office to respond to you directly.

There are no plans to include screening for HSV1 and HSV2 in the free home STI testing service. This service is for individuals who do not have symptoms. In the absence of symptoms (and/or signs) of genital herpes taking swabs is not appropriate. Further information on genital herpes is available on the sexualwellbeing.ie website [here](#).

Yours Sincerely,

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