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Mr. Danny Healy-Rae TD
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re: PQ ref 36697/25

“To ask the Minister for Health if she is considering and investigating the use of AI-powered sensors to keep older adults safer and healthier in their own homes (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

Ireland's upcoming AI Strategy for Healthcare – AI for Care – reflects our ambition to promote and support the safe and responsible use of AI across health and social care services. AI for Care is underpinned by Ireland's broader digital health vision articulated in the Digital for Care 2030 Framework which outlines a roadmap for the delivery of digital technologies including AI to improve patient outcomes and enhanced access to care.

One of the six principles in Digital for Care 2030 outlines Patients as an Empowered Partner, setting out an ambition for care that is patient-centred and tailored around the needs and preferences of the individual. This includes providing a broader range of digital services that support treatment closer to home, such as telehealth, virtual wards and remote monitoring. Where clinically appropriate, patients will be provided the option of Mobile Health Applications including wearable devices that will enable patients to continuously monitor health parameters, track lifestyle changes, remind individuals to take medications, and facilitate communication with health and social care professionals.

The enhancement of such technologies with artificial intelligence is becoming a natural and expected progression in the advancement of healthcare services and promises to improve the quality of care, streamline operations, and provide more personalised and efficient patient experiences.



If you feel that the question has not been fully answered or you require any further clarity, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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