



Stiúrthóir um Chosaint Sláinte Náisiúnta
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Date: 20/03/2025

Re: 10190/25 To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to warn the public of the possible dangers of contracting Lyme disease on publicly accessible grasslands and forests, and to inform of its prevention and treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McCarthy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

The HSE Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) has a suite of Lyme Disease resources available on the HPSC website, including posters and information leaflets, available at <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/vectorborne/lymedisease/>. These posters are available for display on publicly accessible land. HPSC has highlighted the availability of these posters and information leaflets to Government Departments and public agencies that control the access to publicly accessible land.

In May each year, HPSC raises awareness of Lyme Disease and avoiding tick bites. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic which limited available resources at HPSC in 2021 and 2022 there was reduced activity. However, in 2023, HPSC resumed issuing press statements and making a spokesperson available for media interviews.

2021 – [Awareness raising article in HPSC Epi Insight article](#), social media posts

2022 – [Awareness raising article in HPSC Epi Insight article](#), social media posts

2023 – Press release, HPSC spokesperson available, [News article on website](#), [HPSC Epi Insight article](#), social media posts

2024 – [Press release](#), HPSC spokesperson available, [news article on website](#), [HPSC Epi Insight article](#), social media posts

Please contact us if you require further information or clarification.

Kind regards,

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