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PQ 13462/25: To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to endorse the WHO resolution on chronic kidney disease 'Reducing the burden of noncommunicable diseases through promotion of kidney health and strengthening prevention and control of kidney disease.

Dear Deputy Smyth,

Thank you for your representation.

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Quality and Patient Safety and National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead, Chronic Disease (NCAGL CD) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

One of the current tasks of the HSE is to develop a proof-of-concept of an end-stage kidney disease data system to enable the health service to better use data to monitor trends in kidney disease.

International evidence shows that this approach ultimately leads to improved patient outcomes and enables evaluation of new policies and programmes targeting prevention and control of kidney disease. It is also planned to expand the Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Programme within the health service to include kidney disease and this will further promote kidney health.

I hope this provides you with some assistance.

Yours sincerely

Corinne O'Hare, Office of the Chief Clinical Officer