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PQ23177/25- To ask the Minister for Health the services and treatment options that are available for people with a disease (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ward,

Thank you for your representation. Lyme disease is a tick-borne infection that occurs when recreational or occupational activities result in tick bites from an infected tick. It is relatively rare, with estimations that a small proportion of ticks in Ireland are infected (<5%).

The infection is known to be endemic in certain locations and in these areas, GPs are familiar with the most typical presentation, which is a rash, often with a bull's eye appearance. More complicated cases require referral to infectious disease clinics.

Patients with post-Lyme syndrome can be referred by their GP to a public hospital infectious disease clinic in Ireland for further management as appropriate.

I hope this provides you with some assistance.

Yours sincerely

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