



26 June 2025

Deputy Pádraig Rice, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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RE: PQ 25275/25

To ask the Minister for Health the reason the clinical care pathway advisor for pulmonary fibrosis has not yet begun their work; the timeline she is working towards in ensuring this person is in post with supporting resources; the reason the supporting programme manager has still not commenced their work; and if she will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Rice,

The Health Service Executive 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 Clinical Advisor and Group Lead for Chronic Disease (NCAGL CD) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

I can confirm that a Clinical Advisor (CA) and Programme Manager were appointed in June 2025 to support the National Clinical Programme (NCP) Respiratory to scope out the evidence and health needs of individuals living with interstitial lung disease (ILD).

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Anne Horgan
General Manager