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Leinster House
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RE: PQ 53408/25

To ask the Minister for Health the current specialist services available to patients with sarcoidosis in Ireland; the hospitals/clinics designated to provide such care; the referral pathway from primary care and general respiratory clinics to these services; and if she will make a statement on the matter

RE: PQ 53409/25

To ask the Minister for Health if a national clinical pathway for sarcoidosis is in place or in development under the HSE National Clinical Programme for Respiratory; the expected timelines; the means by which primary care, respiratory medicine, cardiology, ophthalmology and dermatology are integrated within that pathway; and if she will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Carrigy,

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 Programme (NCP) for Respiratory on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

There is currently no national referral pathway for patients with sarcoidosis and care is provided by clinical multidisciplinary expert teams in hospitals around the country.

Work has begun on a scoping exercise to review the evidence and assess the needs of the population living with pulmonary fibrosis/interstitial lung disease (ILD) to determine how and where best their care provision needs are met. Once the needs of this population are determined, the next step in the process will be to identify the resources required to design and develop a work programme, to address and meet these needs and to identify the requirements needed to implement a suitable care pathway for this patient cohort. This will be determined in tandem with making the best use of existing and planned resources in the acute and community settings to support this cohort of service users.

The health needs of patients with pulmonary sarcoidosis will be integrated within this ILD project. This work will look at the services provided by hospitals and referral pathways and once completed it will inform ongoing work in this area. A Clinical Advisor (CA) and Programme Manager commenced in post in June 2025 to support the NCP Respiratory in this work. A multidisciplinary team, including national and international experts, is supporting this work.

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