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Deputy Micheál Carrigy, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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RE: PQ 53415/25

To ask the Minister for Health the supports in place for patient education, pulmonary rehabilitation, and psychosocial care for people living with sarcoidosis; any plans to expand access to these services nationally; 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. Care of patients with sarcoidosis 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. The health needs of patients with pulmonary sarcoidosis will be integrated within this ILD project.

This project work will look at the services provided by hospitals and referral pathways and, once completed, it will inform ongoing work in this area. 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.

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.

The HSE "Living Well" programme¹ provides patient education, exercise and psychosocial care for people living with chronic disease, which include patients with sarcoidosis condition. These can be accessed through the HSE website.

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

Reference:

1. <https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/healthwellbeing/selfmanagement/living-well-programme/>