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Deputy Richard Bruton  
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**Re: PQ 44288/24**

To ask the Minister for Health if, given the absence of a diabetes registry and clinical audits, he can outline how his Department plans to identify gaps and issues in diabetes care more effectively; the steps being taken to establish a national diabetes register; the timeline for its implementation; and how is it envisaged to enhance diabetes management across Ireland.  
Richard Bruton

Dear Deputy Bruton,

While funding was approved for New Service Developments and the National Diabetes Registry under the 2023 National Service Plan, due to the HSE Moratorium there was a pause on the recruitment of management and admin grades across the HSE. In order to progress this work there was a requirement to appoint a Programme Manager. This post has been approved in the 2024 National Service Plan.

The NSP 2024, allocated funding of €500,000 for the development of the National Diabetes Registry. This includes non-pay and pay funding for five posts including the Grade VIII Programme Manager post. We received approval to progress with recruitment of these essential posts and this is at an advanced stage. It is anticipated that all posts will be in place in 2025.

An Interim Strategy and Planning group is in place to commence preparation for the establishment of the National Diabetes Registry, in anticipation of the funded team as outlined above, who will lead and develop the work programme further. This is consortium of subject matter experts from the HSE, academia and other partners who meet to commence preparation for the establishment of a Working Group and to keep informed on related developments within the HSE and the Department of Health. International practices are being considered to inform the work of the team that are currently being recruited.

Yours sincerely,

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