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Dear Ms Murray,

The Minister for Health, Leo Varadkar, T.D., has asked me to thank you for your letter to the former Minister for Health, Dr James Reilly, T.D., concerning lymphoedema services in Ireland.

The HSE's National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) is actively addressing the issues outlined in your letter for lymphoedema sufferers and is developing a long term plan for the development of services for people with lymphoedema.

The NCCP has convened a working group to examine the prevention of lymphoedema. The aim of the project is to provide evidence based support, guidance and advice to patients and families and to healthcare professionals on prevention and risk reduction of lymphoedema following cancer treatment.

The NCCP is also developing standardised patient information for people with lymphoedema to focus on the main area where intervention can make a difference, mainly in the prevention of the exacerbation of lymphoedema as a consequence of untreated infections.

I trust that this clarifies the matter for you.

Yours sincerely

David O'Connor
Private Secretary