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Deputy Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 40528/20**

"To ask the Minister for Health when the outcome of the meeting held in December 2019 between rheumatology specialists and an organisation (details supplied) will be relayed to parents of children with arthritis; and when the information leaflets on the incidence of arthritis in children with Down syndrome will be supplied to general practitioners and other health professionals".

**Details:** Down Syndrome

Dear Deputy Ó Laoghaire,

I refer to your parliamentary question above to which I have been asked to provide a response.

CHI advise a meeting was held with the Rheumatology Team and hospital representatives along with a number of advocacy groups in December 2019 to include Down Syndrome Ireland, Arthritis Ireland and the Irish Children's Arthritis Network. It is common place for meetings to occur with advocacy groups and representatives from the hospital including the relevant clinical staff. The minutes of this meeting were circulated to the attendees of the meeting.

With respect to the information leaflet, CHI would like to apologise for the delay with this. The leaflet has gone through a number of iterations and has been compiled with the assistance of UCD and is going through the final phase of graphic design and branding.

It is the intention of CHI to publish this information leaflet shortly once the final version has been agreed.

Yours sincerely,

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