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Deputy Jennifer Carroll MacNeill, Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

PQ 41855/20

"To ask the Minister for Health if an information leaflet on paediatric arthritis prepared in November 2019 will be distributed to general practitioners and health professionals; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy MacNeill,

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 apologies 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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