



22nd December 2020

Deputy Malcolm Noonan,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 42627/20 - To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an information leaflet compiled by parents of children with Down's arthropathy; and his plans distribute it to general practitioner surgeries and other health professionals to facilitate prompt referrals.

-Malcolm Noonan

Dear Deputy Noonan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Based on the information provided, we are not aware of the leaflet referred to in this question.

It is not normal practise of the HSE to circulate information to GPs or other health professionals which have been developed by third parties. It is also worth noting that within the current context, our infection prevention and control advice to general practitioners is that they should not be displaying leaflets in waiting rooms, etc. and that clinical areas should be decluttered to the greatest extent possible.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TJ Dunford'.

TJ Dunford
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