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Deputy Mac Lochlainn,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: PQ18174/20

"To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the distress for young persons and their families in County Donegal caused by the long journeys they regularly have to make for appointments in Dublin with a paediatric rheumatology consultant; and if his Department and the HSE can ensure that paediatric rheumatology consultants can hold regular clinics in Letterkenny University Hospital to avoid such distress. - Pádraig Mac Lochlainn"

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Currently we do not have a Paediatric Rheumatology Outreach Clinic in Letterkenny and we are not aware of the volume of patients travelling to Dublin for this service.

Yours Sincerely,



Seán Murphy
General Manager
Letterkenny General Hospital