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To ask the Minister for Health if a specialist multidisciplinary team will be recruited and established to deal with ehlers-danlos syndrome.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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

Response:

The Model of Care for Rheumatology recommends minimal staffing standards, based on population, for each department in order to provide appropriate treatment to patients with rheumatological diseases.

Paediatric and Adult rheumatologists are trained in the diagnosis and management of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS). They are supported by a multidisciplinary team and have access to other relevant consultant specialists needed for the care of EDS sufferers. EDS education is part of continuing medical education curricula.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,



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