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Deputy Willie O'Dea TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ No. 43298/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is no dietician provided for rheumatology patients in Ireland; his plans to address this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -**

Dear Deputy O'Dea,

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 National Clinical Programme for Rheumatology (NCPR) have advised that local arrangements are made where appropriate for access to dietetic services in both the acute and community setting. The NCPR have dietetic representation on the clinical programme working group to address the provision of a dedicated dietetic service in the long-term objectives of the NCPR.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Emma Benton', with a horizontal line underneath.

**Emma Benton**

**General Manager**

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