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**PQ18991/23- Deputy Fergus O'Dowd-To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the drug seroquel being given to nursing home residents in cases in which the resident suffers from dementia; if there are known contraindications for such administration; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

Thank you for your representation.

This information is not available at a HSE Corporate Level.

The drug Seroquel (quetiapine) is an anti-psychotic drug and is used in people with dementia who have psychotic symptoms associated with the disease. It can be prescribed by any medical practitioner. Like all medications it has side effects and is prescribed when the benefits to the patient are likely more than the risks of side effects.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

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