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To ask the Minister for Health if stem cell-based therapies are available to people living with arthritis; and if not, if the HSE intends to progress to providing such treatments.

Dear Deputy Ó Broin,

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 use of stem cell based therapies for the treatment of bone and joint disease is an emerging area. There is insufficient evidence to demonstrate clinical benefit or to support their use for patients living with arthritis. The National Clinical Programme for Rheumatology does not recommend provision of these treatments at present.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

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