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PQ: 25285/23

To ask the Minister for Health if plans can be made to distribute a special type of bread to PKU sufferers (Juvela); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Healy-Rae

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 25285/23), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Juvela Low Protein (LP) bread is available on the Reimbursement List. The HSE has been made aware of pharmacies presenting with difficulties accessing the Juvela LP product range through their suppliers. The HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) made contact with the company Juvela to confirm supply. Juvela have confirmed that the low protein product range will no longer be available in Ireland for the foreseeable future as the current wholesaler will no longer be distributing the product. Juvela have also confirmed that they have no immediate plans to source another distributor in Ireland.

However, there are other low protein bread products from other manufacturers available on the Reimbursement List for this patient cohort under the Community Drug Schemes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service