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Ms. Emer Currie T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 6389/25 *“To ask the Minister for Health the reason a nurse helpline operated by the rheumatology department at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown no longer provides medical appointments with nurses with acute diseases; the reason they are now required to consult their GP to access care; and if she will make a statement on the matter.-Emer Currie”*

Dear Deputy Currie,

HSE Dublin and North East 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

I can confirm that the Rheumatology Nurse Helpline in Connolly Hospital is available on Tuesdays from 8am to 11am for nurse-related queries.

Patients with acute disease activity are advised to consult their General Practitioners.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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