



Ref: PQ 40463/25

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Deputy Marie Sherlock
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Sherlock

I refer to your parliamentary question below which has been forwarded to me for attention.

PQ 40463/25 – To ask the Minister for Health that Children's Health Ireland would produce a booklet of medical acronyms that can be given to parents of all new admissions in the CHI group.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can advise that some work was previously undertaken within nursing, mostly, to address the use of abbreviations. However, we identified that the content quickly became outdated due to the frequent introduction of new abbreviations.

In addition, many acronyms and abbreviations can have more than one meaning, which can lead to confusion if provided to a parent in a booklet. For this reason, and given the evolving nature of medical language, we do not consider it feasible to provide a booklet of medical acronyms.

Our communications team is actively working to develop and improve resources that support families and children across all aspects of care, with a focus on ensuring language is easy to understand and that information is accessible for all our children, young people and families. This work is ongoing to ensure it is ready for when we move to the National Children's Hospital.

Yours sincerely

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