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To ask the Minister for Health if the appointment of a paediatric rheumatologist for the Munster region is being considered, given the strong demand for such a service by those suffering from conditions such as juvenile arthritis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McCarthy

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.

Cork University Hospital does not have any Paediatric Rheumatologists. All referral requests are forwarded onwards to CHI Dublin. CUH has not received funding for a Paediatric Rheumatologist. I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Deirdre O’Keeffe
Interim Chief Executive Officer