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Deputy Mairéad Farrell Dáil Eireann Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Farrell

I refer to your below parliamentary question which has been forwarded to me for attention. Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in issuing a response.

PQ 11906/24 – To ask the Minister for Health if there are clear guidelines for treating PANS and PANDAS symptoms in paediatric hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) cannot provide treatment details for children managed in other hospitals. However, within CHI, the diagnosis and treatment of PANDAS/PANS does not appear to have a consensus approach by clinicians. It remains a condition that many clinicians acknowledge has unclear medical evidence and the management of children is usually determined at clinician level.

Yours sincerely

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