

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2024  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024**

**Question**

“Will the Minister provide an update on the investigation into the deaths of Rheumatology Department patients, including the number of cases that have been referred to the Viscount and the number of cases that are still being investigated?”

**Answer**

The investigation into the deaths of Rheumatology patients since 2019 is expected to be concluded in the first quarter of 2025, a progress report will be submitted to the Health & Care Services Advisory Board in January. The progress report will include the updated number of cases referred to the Viscount, and the number of cases still being investigated. In the meantime, given the sensitivity surrounding this matter, I would be pleased to arrange a briefing for the Health & Social Services Scrutiny Panel with the Medical Director and Responsible Officer for Primary care.