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**Deputy Louise O'Reilly,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.**

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"To ask the Minister for Health the reason children with scoliosis that travelled to a hospital (details supplied) are treated differently to children that travelled to Germany that remain patients of their Irish consultant post-surgery".

Details: the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, London

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

I refer to your parliamentary question above to which I have been asked to provide a response.

CHI at Crumlin has a contract for Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital (RNOH) London for follow up patients as outpatients on a bi-annual basis or on a more frequent basis if required clinically. This is on the basis that the surgeon in Stanmore is following up the patients that they have operated on. There are currently no new patients for outsourcing being followed up.

The volume of patients treated at the RNOH, London are significantly higher (22) than the patients who had their surgery in Germany (6). Follow up care is being provided by the surgeons from RNOH, London.

CHI at Crumlin has increased its number of patient's having scoliosis surgery in parallel with Stanmore Hospital. The contract with Stanmore has continued due to the volume of patients treated in Stanmore.

Yours sincerely,

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