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

**PQ 15832/19**

"To ask the Minister for Health the reason letters were not issued to parents to explain the change to their child's terms of their scoliosis outsourcing agreement with the HSE and that some children are now without access to an Irish orthopaedic consultant and must present to their local emergency department if they require a spinal assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

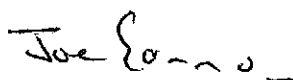
I refer to your parliamentary question above to which I have been asked to provide a response.

Families were contacted directly by phone about the follow up care for their child.

The first point of contact is the family GP in the event of an emergency. Families could then be referred by their GP to a nearby emergency department particularly if they have to travel.

Should a patient attend the emergency department at CHI at Crumlin, the Orthopaedic Consultant on call for that week will be involved in this patients treatment and care.

Yours sincerely,



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**Joe Gannon**  
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