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"To ask the Minister for Health the wait time for a first orthopaedic appointment at Temple Street Children's University Hospital"

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) is currently recruiting two additional general orthopaedic consultants which will further reduce waiting times for children for an orthopaedic outpatient appointment.

More broadly, all patient referrals to the orthopaedic spinal service at CHI are reviewed and clinically prioritised by a consultant. These patients are seen in order of clinical priority. Most patients are seen within twelve months.

The Department of Health is working closely with CHI with the aim of supporting the further development of a sustainable scoliosis service and ensuring that the on-going demand for services is met.

Children's Health Ireland is working to reduce waiting times for children attending its orthopaedic and scoliosis services with additional investment from the HSE.

Yours sincerely,



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