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Deputy Stephen Donnelly TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Donnelly

I refer to your Parliamentary Question below in which you requested the number of blood samples transferred from Connolly to Temple Street.

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To ask the Minister for Health the number of blood samples that have been transferred by taxi from the Children's Health Ireland at Connolly Hospital to Temple Street Hospital since 31 July 2019 to date in 2019 in the presence of a hospital employee during transfer; the number of taxi journeys involved; and if the blood samples were at all times in the presence of a hospital employee during their transfer.

Children's Health Ireland can advise you that all samples are packaged in accordance with regulations for transport of biological materials. The packages containing the samples are then transported via courier in this instance a taxi to transfer from CHI at Connolly to CHI at Temple street. The number of taxi journeys is 57. Contracts are in place with couriers to ensure safe transport of samples. The samples are not accompanied by hospital employees which is standard practice across the hospitals for sample transport.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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