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Children's Health Ireland (CHI), Herberton, St James's Walk, Rialto, D08 HP97, Ireland

11th December 2019

Deputy Stephen Donnelly,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 50215/19

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that have experienced an emergency department wait time of less than 6; 6 to 12; 12 to 24; and more than 24 hours for each hospital in the Children's Hospital group to date in 2019, in tabular form"

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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

Please see below CHI report on Patient Experience Times (PET) in their hospitals in the following categories, within 6 hours, within 9 hours and those waiting over 24 hours. The 6 hours includes all waiting over 6 hours including those waiting over 9 and 24. The 9 hours includes all waiting over 9 hours including those waiting over 24.

In recent weeks, CHI have seen an increase in the number of young children and infants presenting to their Emergency Departments (EDs). Any long waiting time for children in EDs is regrettable. This increase in numbers is in part a result of higher rates of the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) which causes infections of the lungs and respiratory tract, flu and norovirus (known as the winter vomiting bug), all of which circulate at this time of year.

CHI operate cross city bed management for admissions from our three EDs and our Urgent Care Centre at Connolly Hospital in Blanchardstown to an inpatient bed. Therefore, patients who are clinically assessed as requiring treatment and care as an inpatient may be admitted to any one of our children's hospital sites, at Crumlin, Temple Street or Tallaght which will improve the flow of patients moving through our hospitals and ensures safe, timely and efficient delivery of services to patients and their families

Report on the attached sheet:

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CHI Emergency Department Patient Experience Times to for the Period January to October 2019							
Children's Health Ireland (CHI)	Total Attendances	% Within 6 Hours	No. > 6 Hours	% Within 9 Hours	No. > 9 Hours	% <24 Hours	No. > 24hrs
CHI at Crumlin	32,514	85%	4,929	95%	1,504	100%	37
CHI at Temple Street	42,775	88%	5,027	96%	1,581	100%	173
CHI at Tallaght	27,482	90%	2,656	99%	314	100%	8
Total	102,771	90%	9,956	97%	3,085	100%	218

Yours sincerely,

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