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**Re: PQ 1036/19 – Children on the waiting list for hip operations, Cappagh**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list at Cappagh Hospital for hip operations (details supplied\*); if the operating theatres are being used to their capacity; if emergency operations can be undertaken elsewhere to reduce the waiting lists; the number of professionals qualified to carry out these operations at the hospital; the number waiting on each list; and his plans to reduce the list in 2019.**

**\*bi lateral sufie (possibly SCFE)”**

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking the number children on the waiting list at Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital for hip operations, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter investigated and am advised that there are currently 21 active patients under 18 years on the waiting list for a hip procedure.

Currently the hospital is funded to operate four theatres. There is a fifth theatre operational, however the hospital is only funded for pay and non-pay costs to run four theatres. (Of note 3 theatres are funded by the HSE and 4th is funded through NTPF waiting list initiatives)

There are four consultant paediatric surgeons with sessional commitments at the hospital.

There are 10 patients waiting three months or less and there are no patients waiting over 12 months.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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