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Deputy Noel Grealish T.D., Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

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"To ask the Minister for Health if procedures have been carried out in private hospitals or facilities in the past five years under the treatment abroad scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Grealish T.D.,

Thank you for your parliamentary question referenced above which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

The HSE TAS allows for an Irish based public hospital consultant to refer a public patient to the public health system of another EU/EEA member state for treatment which is unavailable in Ireland.

Access to treatment in private hospitals abroad does not fall within the criteria for approval under the HSE Treatment Abroad Scheme.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0872668759 or catherinet.donohoe@hse.ie

Yours sincerely,

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