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Ms. Niamh Smyth, T.D,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 42509/19 *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of slots provided to Cavan General Hospital for the Drogheda fracture clinic due to increased demand and to ease waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Dear Deputy Smyth,

The RCSI Hospital Group has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Cavan General Hospital is allocated 5 slots at each fracture clinic in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, amounting to 35 appointments per week.

Each case is assessed individually and there is a process whereby the referring clinician in Cavan General hospital can contact the orthopaedic registrar in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda directly to arrange a next day appointment or to be reviewed in the Emergency Department in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda by the orthopaedic team, should they feel that a patient warrants an earlier / urgent appointment.

We trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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