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**Deputy Pa Daly
Dail Eireann
Dublin 2**

Dear Deputy Daly

I refer to your PQ in which you asked Minister for Health the way in which the €9million allocation for paediatric orthopaedics services was spend in 2018; and the budget allocations for same in 2019 and 2020, respectively which has been forwarded to me for response.

I wish to advise you that as part as an overall investment from National Service Planning money, the funding for orthopaedic services allocated in 2018 with posts phased in 2019 ensured the enhancement of the entire orthopaedic service

This includes new resources for spinal surgery which relate to the MDT team at diagnosis, pre-assessment during surgery in theatre and post operatively. The majority of posts allocated to each hospital were 2018. It is important to state whilst the volume of patients waiting on the list may not have changed the waiting times have improved.

The 2019 target for spinal fusions was 185 for the group. 190 spinal fusions were carried out in 2019. In 2018 the target for Cappagh Hospital was 40 patients and they increased the capacity to 50 to manage the backlog of adolescents waiting for surgery. Cappagh operate on adolescents over 12yrs of age with idiopathic scoliosis and who have no other additional health problems. In 2019 Cappagh performed surgery on 36 patient, 40 (target), this was due to unexpected consultant leave. Cappagh had no patients over 4 months waiting at year end. CHI at Crumlin carried out an additional 9 cases above its target of 120.

An additional General Orthopaedic Surgeon is due to commence in June 2020 for CHI at Crumlin and CHI at Tallaght. This post is for General Orthopaedic and trauma surgery to support the large volume of patients waiting. Approximately 20% of patients on the inpatient waiting list are waiting for a scoliosis procedure with 80% of children waiting for general orthopaedic procedures.

Attached is a copy of our bi-weekly newsletter providing an update on scoliosis surgeries performed this year to 5 June 2020.



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Update on Scoliosis Related Surgeries

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Dedicated Line for Parents
Both CHI at Crumlin and CHI at Temple Street have a dedicated line in place for parents only to deal with queries in relation to their child's scoliosis care plan.

CHI at Temple Street

Tel: 01 892 1830
Mon – Fri: 9.00am – 12.00 noon

CHI at Crumlin

Tel: 01 409 6877
Mon – Fri: 9.00am - 12.00 noon

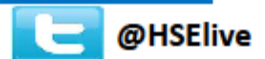
Total Surgeries (including single and multiple stages) performed as of 5th June 2020

Week Ending 05/06/2020	CHI at Crumlin	CHI at Temple Street	Cappagh Hospital	Total
Number of Spinal Fusion YTD	36	8	7	51
Number of Other Spinal Procedures YTD	32	26	2	60
Total	68	34	9	111

Total number of patients on waiting lists clinically deemed as requiring surgery as of 5th June 2020

Week Ending 05/06/2020	Number of patients on waiting list waiting for scoliosis related surgeries Includes active, pre-admit and planned procedures (excluding suspensions*)	
	Number waiting for Spinal Fusion	Number waiting for other spinal procedures
CHI at Crumlin	71	43
CHI at Temple Street	21	30
Cappagh Hospital	17	0
Total	109	73

* Suspensions are patients temporarily unavailable due to clinical or family reasons



I trust this is of assistance to you.

Your sincerely

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