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Deputy Pearse Doherty

Dáil Éireann

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**Re: PQ ref 59142/21** – *To ask the Minister for Health if he received a submission for a specialist centre for intestinal failure; if he plans to deliver a specialist centre at St James's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Doherty,

St James's Hospital (SJH) submitted a business case in 2016 for the establishment of a national intestinal failure specialist unit for adults (hub and spoke model), which was not fully approved. A limited number of posts in the business case were approved; a consultant shared with Children's Health Ireland (CHI); Clinical Nurse Specialist; clinical nutritionist and an administrator. The current service provided supports intestinal failure rehabilitation for transition patients from CHI and a rehabilitation service for SJH patients.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Noel Gorman

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