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Mr. Fergus O'Dowd, T.D,  
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**Re: Parliamentary Question 1657/20** *“To ask the Minister for Health the outpatient validation exercises dated 1 January to 30 November 2020, the reason for a zero return from the outpatients list in both Our Lady of Lourdes Drogheda and Louth County Hospital Dundalk; if both hospitals have an alternate plan to manage and reduce outpatient lists; the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Dear Deputy O' Dowd,

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.

The RCSI Hospital Group operates a formal Validation programme of all patient waiting lists as per the National IDPP Waiting List Management Protocol (2017). The validation process is run every 2nd quarter across all Hospitals. The outpatient waiting lists are included in all validation cycles. The last outpatient validation cycle was completed December 2020.

We trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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